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## DEVELOPMENT PLANNING, PROGRAMMING, POLICY ADVISORY, AND PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

### A.1 Development Planning and Programming

Mindanao Development Corridors. As a key spatial strategy that will help pave the way for a connected and globally-competitive Mindanao, the corridors initiative aims to improve infrastructure, establish connectivity, and spur the development of growth clusters within Mindanao, allowing it to achieve balanced and inclusive growth among its regions. The development corridor strategy has been integrated in the Infrastructure Development Chapter of the Philippine Development Plan 2011-2016 Midterm Update, highlighting the five (5) development clusters as innovation and growth corridors that will be developed in Mindanao.

As of to date, the Mindanao Development Corridors has been endorsed by the Confederation of Provincial Governors, City Mayors and Municipal Mayors' League Presidents of Mindanao (CONFED), and supported by the different Regional Development Councils (RDC) in regions 9, 10, 12, 13 as well as by the Regional Economic and Development Planning Board (REDPB) in ARMM, through the passage of RDC Resolutions endorsing/adopting the corridors. Likewise, MinDA has secured the support of various foreign chambers such as the American Chamber of Commerce, and Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP). The latter has adopted the Corridors initiative to align with its Mindanao Inclusive Agribusiness Programme (MIAP). Through the Corridors initiative, commodities or product-specific and area-based investments are accordingly matched with required infrastructure, logistics, and enabling policy environment.

In terms of developing Mindanao industries, MinDA through the Corridors Technical Working Group (TWG) has collectively identified key industries to be prioritized under the corridors program, namely: cacao, coffee, coconut, rubber, oil palm, seaweeds, abaca, livestock and poultry, and mariculture. Related to this, the Authority is partnering with the MASICAP MSME Development Foundation, Inc. for the formulation of industry profiling/studies of priority commodities such as cacao, coconut and coffee. The industry component centers on improving productivity, and contribution of agri-industries to Mindanao and Philippine GDP through industry profiling and clustering as well as value chain supply and chain development for priority crops and agriculture products in Mindanao.

To support the integration of agro-industries, and the overall development of the identified priority industries, there is a need to link growth centers, production areas, tourism destinations and export gateways within and outside Mindanao through high standard roads, ports and airports, among others.

MinDA, in collaboration with government agencies, private sector and donor partners particularly its strong partnership with key national line agencies such as DPWH, DOTC, PPA, DA, NIA, and DOT has helped facilitate the endorsement and funding of major road projects under the corridors that were identified together with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) amounting to billions.

The projects include:

- a. Php2.248 billion Zamboanga West Coast Road,
- b. Php1.261 billion Zamboanga del Sur Coastal Road,
- c. Php 1.123 billion Glan-Sarangani Coastal Road,
- d. Php1.08 billion Davao del Norte – Bukidnon Road,
- e. Php701 million Compostela-Davao Oriental Road,
- f. Php1.08 billion CDO-Talakag-Camp Kabaitan Road,
- g. Php1.6 billion Butuan-CDO-Iligan Road High Standard Road,
- h. Php739 million Palimbang-Kalamansig Coastal Road.

These projects are currently being implemented by the DPWH Regional Offices, resulting from the joint-programming activities between DPWH and MinDA, as well as with other key agencies. Roads leading to tourism destination areas, ports and airports, and farm to market roads were also monitored in coordination with the concerned LGUs, DOT, DPWH, DOTC and DA.

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**The goal of the Mindanao Development Corridors initiative is to pave the pathways for a connected and globally-competitive Mindanao in order to help position the island-region as a single, integrated economy that is able to leverage and participate in EAGA, ASEAN and the global economic community.**  
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ONE, CONNECTED MINDANAO The Mindanao Development Corridors strategy banks on establishing connectivity as an enabling factor that will speed up the island-region's development. Photo by MinDA.



BOUND BY ONE VISION MinDA has been consistently active in leveraging the expertise of various sectors in the society to pursue all the plans and projects under the Mindanao Development Corridors strategy as seen in the technical working groups (above) that were assembled through the agency's facilitative efforts. Photo by MinDA.

MinDA's coordination efforts at the national, regional, and provincial levels through participation in various meetings, consultations and monitoring activities have helped facilitate the approval of the following Mindanao-wide projects, including key regional projects but with interregional impact:

Php5.087 billion Panguil Bay Bridge Project approved by the NEDA Board with initial funding of Php100 million for the Road Right of Way (RROW), which is now for detailed engineering by the DPWH.

**Feasibility Study of the Mindanao Railways System (MRS)** - The MRS project consists of six (6) segments that will span the entire Mindanao (total length of approximately 1672 km) providing a dramatic bid to boost the economic development of the resources-rich but underdeveloped region.

**Mindanao River Basin Flood Control Projects** (Php1.22 billion under the 2014 DPWH GAA and Php990 million for 2015) - MinDA was able to get DPWH support and funding commitment for the Php9.5 Billion MRB flood control projects, namely:

1. Rio Grande De Mindanao Siltation Control – Ph Php.143 billion
2. Integrated Tamontaka River and Rio Grande de Mindanao Protective Dikes Project – Php 2.051 billion
3. Buluan River Control System – Php 1.288 billion
4. Pulangui River Flood Control System, including Repair of Tungol Bridge – Php 673 Million
5. Ambal-Simuay River Flood Control System – Php 1.634 million
6. Ala River Flood Control System – Php 743 million

**Php18.99 billion Davao Port Modernization Project** Various meetings convened by MinDA with key stakeholders including private-sector prompted DOTC to consider reviewing the original scope of work of the project based on the proposal/study conducted by the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA).

**Formulation of Sectoral Plans Consistent with the Mindanao 2020 Peace and Development Framework Plan.** The Mindanao 2020 was collectively crafted by Mindanawons under MinDA's leadership in 2012 as a framework plan for addressing the various challenges and opportunities of the island-region not only within the context of securing peace amid history of conflict but also in terms of harnessing its inherently rich socio-economic potentials for the benefit primarily of Mindanawons. The M2020 serves as basis for more detailed plans and budgets of shorter duration within its 20-year timeframe. Also, it helps guide more geographically-specific regional or local plans to ensure consistency and coherence within a Mindanao-wide perspective. Since 2012, MinDA has been pro-actively advocating with various stakeholders from the government, private, NGOs/CSOs, academe, and other development partners for their meaningful participation, contribution, and stronger influence in shaping the future of Mindanao based on the thrusts embodied in M2020. M2020 recognizes the uniqueness of Mindanao that must be defined within its own history, context, and social development to genuinely reflect the needs and aspirations of Mindanawons.

Along with this, MinDA has partnered with the Department of Energy (DoE), National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), and the National Youth Commission (NYC) for the preparation of their respective sectors' Mindanao Agenda/Plan, that are anchored on the goals, and strategies of Mindanao 2020.

Social and agriculture components of the Malitubog-Maridagao Phase II Irrigation Project in the amount of Php 6.9 billion

Timaco Port in Cotabato City amounting to Php 959 million

General Santos Aerotropolis (Php 959 million)

Ozamiz Airport (Php 695 million)

Sanga-Sanga Airport (Php 248 million)

MinDA facilitated the validation, submission and endorsement of projects in Mindanao amounting to Php 517.7 million for funding under TIEZA. Projects in the Bangsamoro especially in the island provinces of Basilan, Sulu, and Tawi-tawi were finalized and prioritized under the Mindanao Development Corridors and the Bangsamoro Development Plan Phase II. MinDA also helped facilitate the resolution of issues of key infra projects in the region including the Gensan Makar Port, Gensan Aerotropolis, Zamboanga Ecozone International Port, Sasa Port Modernization in Davao, and Lapuyan Port in Zamboanga.

In terms of recent international development partner engagement, MinDA is partnering with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for the implementation of "Strengthening Institutions for Investments in Mindanao – Small Scale Capacity Development Technical Assistance" Project, which will include the preparation of the South-Central Mindanao Development Corridor Study as one of the outputs of the CB package. MinDA is also working with ADB and DPWH for the Improving National Roads for Inclusive Growth in Mindanao Project (INRIGMP) as well as a review the functional roles and complementation of gateways in South-Central Mindanao with USAID-COMPETE. Moreover, the ADB in coordination with MinDA is doing a study on Maritime Transport and Trade Connectivity in BIMP-EAGA in cooperation with the Transport, Infrastructure and ICT Development Cluster.

## MINDANAO PLANS/AGENDA ANCHORED WITH DOE, NCCA, AND NYC



**Mindanao Energy Plan (MEP)**  
Considered as one of the deliverables identified by the Mindanao stakeholders during the Mindanao Power Summit held last April 2012, the DOE, in cooperation with MinDA, has completed the series of consultations for the finalization of the Mindanao Energy Plan (MEP). For the finalization of the MEP, MinDA is working closely with DoE for the technical inputs. The final MEP is now for printing and publication.



**Mindanao Culture and Arts Action Plan**  
The NCCA, in cooperation with MinDA, has worked together for the preparation of the Mindanao Region Culture-and-Arts Action Plan which aims to harmonize the culture-and-arts strategic directions in Mindanao. This sectoral plan is anchored and strategically interfaced with Mindanao 2020 under the Human Development and Social Cohesion, Environment and Governance themes. Series of workshops have been conducted by NCCA, with the support of MinDA to finalize the Action Plan for the next two years. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is set to be forged in the next semester to outline the areas of collaboration with MinDA, NCIP, DOT, and NCMF for the implementation and monitoring of the plan.



**Mindanao Youth Agenda**  
The National Youth Commission (NYC)-Mindanao Cluster has collaborated with MinDA for the crafting of the Mindanao Youth Agenda (MYA), focusing on the youth sector as a valuable contributor to Mindanao's development. The 9-Point Agenda of the MYA are well-informed by the strategic anchors embodied in the Mindanao 2020, particularly along the thrusts of the following themes: Human Development and Social Cohesion, Peace and Security, Environment and Governance. In March 2015, the NYC formally turned-over the MYA to MinDA, as a companion document of the M2020 and in line with its roll-out and monitoring.

Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Framework and System for Mindanao 2020. Based on the Mindanao 2020 Results Matrix prepared in 2014, MinDA adopted a tool that would gauge the progress of the set indicators outlined in the Plan. The M&E tool is based on the existing format used by the Philippine Statistical Authority (PSA) to monitor the country's progress in terms of its achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). This is also known as the probability of attaining targets, which has been slightly modified to suit the requirements for the M&E of M2020. Aside from the overall targets, indicators and targets will also be monitored for: (a) Peace and Security; (b) Economy and Environment; (c) Human Development and Social Cohesion; (d) Governance; and (e) Enabling Conditions.

## A.2 Development Research and Policy

**A.2.1 Policy Advocacy.** MinDA conducted researches in aid of policy and decision-making and advocated for the review and enactment of policies that would provide an enabling environment for Mindanao's development. These include the following:

**Establishment of the Millennium Industrial Economic Zone**  
MinDA endorsed the application to PEZA for the declaration of a 27.6720-hectare (approx.) property located at Barangay Calumpang and Tambler, General Santos City, South Cotabato as a Special Economic Zone, to be known as Millennium Industrial Economic Zone. As of today, the other documentary requirements of PEZA are being worked out, including the release of the favorable endorsements from concerned agencies and LGUs.

**Establishment of the Anflo Special Economic Zone** MinDA also endorsed the application of the Anflo Industrial Estate Corporation (ANFLO) for the declaration of a 52.5858-hectare (approx.) property located at Barangay San Vicente, Panabo City, Davao del Norte as a Special Economic Zone which will be known as the Anflo Special Economic Zone. As of to date, Malacañang has been reviewing the documents submitted by ANFLO.

Repeal of Cabotage Law Through MinDA's advocacy efforts, the repeal of Cabotage law was declared by the President as a priority legislative measure during his 2013 State of the Nation Address (SONA).

The draft bill has passed the third reading in Senate and Congress and is scheduled for a Bicameral Conference Committee hearing. The version of the bill passed by both houses, however, does not push for full liberalization of the shipping industry, instead, foreign consortium shipping wherein foreign vessels are allowed to load and unload foreign cargo in local ports, is being pursued.

Review of EPIRA Law with emphasis on the non-privatization of Agus-Pulangi Hydroelectric Power Complexes (APHC) MinDA, in partnership with Building Low Emission Alternatives to Develop Economic Resilience and Sustainability Project (B-LEADERS), a USAID Philippines Project, initiated a study to review such provision in the said law. Focus group discussions were conducted in various regions in Mindanao to gather inputs and insights from the power stakeholders in relation to the non-privatization of the APHC. The project study document is completed and was subjected to validation activities by the members of the MKRPC in February 2015 at MSU-Iligan Information Technology Campus.



**STRENGTHENING POLICIES** As policy development is seen as an integral factor in Mindanao's progress, MinDA has tapped the assistance of the research and academe (above) sector to discuss the important issues concerning the said matter. Photo by MinDA.

**Development of Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) Models for Pilot River Basins in Mindanao** The results of the PES studies (completed last year) were shared to respective River Basin Organizations (RBO) partners. With the conduct of several activities to generate full awareness and commitment to consider PES in the locality, the said concept is now being openly accepted and recognized as a tool to promote economic development.

**Bangsamoro Basic Law (BBL)** MinDA strongly advocates for the clarification and review of the certain provisions in the proposed BBL. A position paper has been submitted to Congress regarding this matter. MinDA, through its Area Management Offices, also helped in conducting series of dialogues with the region's Governors and Mayors to address their related concerns regarding BBL.

**Amendment of EO 170 to include Chassis-Roro** MinDA advocates the amendment of Executive Order 170 (EO 170) to allow Cha-Ro services to enjoy the same incentives as regular Ro-Ro services. The agency has already endorsed its position to Malacañang. MinDA also supports the endorsements of the Export Development Council and Philippine Ports Authority on the said policy measure. The said position is reinforced by resolutions of support from PBGEA, the House Committee on EAGA Affairs, and the House Committee on Transportation.

**Resolution Adopting the Programs and Projects under the Mindanao Development Corridors** The House Committee on Mindanao Affairs and the House Special Committee on BIMP-EAGA adopt and supported the Programs and Projects under the Mindanao Development Corridors Program.

**Mindanao Business Conference 2015 (MinBizCon 2015) Policy Agenda** MinDA, in partnership with the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industries-Mindanao (PCCI-Mindanao), facilitated the conduct of the Policy Regional Rounds from April to June 2015 in preparation for the 24th Mindanao Business Conference on September 2-4, 2015 in Dipolog City.

**Mindanao Policy Advocacy instruments** MinDA coordinates the formulation of multi-sectoral policy agenda that is critical for Mindanao's peace and development. In support of this goal, MinDA advocates these policy recommendations for adoption by providing technical support to various lobby groups in Mindanao. The agency has also published policy briefs (aimed for non-specialized audiences) that can help disseminate information on policy related initiatives to MinDA internal and external stakeholders. Currently, MinDA has published two policy briefs, focusing on Mindanao critical river rapid assessment, and the review of the Cabotage Law.

#### A.2.3 Partnership Building for Policy Research and Advocacy

MinDA actively engaged partners and alliances in its policy research and advocacy work. This way, shared responsibility and ownership was promoted, skills were shared, and a greater impact was achieved, given government's meager resources.

Institutions in Congress, such as the Mindanao Legislators Association and the House Committee on Mindanao Affairs, Committee on Energy, Committee on Government Enterprise and Privatization, Committee on Appropriation, Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on EAGA Affairs for the Review of the EPIRA, establishment of Mindanao Power Corporation and a Study on Travel Tax Exemption, among others.

Business groups, such as the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry-Mindanao (PCCI-Mindanao) for the promotion and advocacy of policies in support of business and industry development. MinDA provided technical assistance in drafting their resolutions and policy papers, and assisted in lobbying the business policy agenda to national line agencies.

Academic institutions and aggregations, such as the Mindanao Studies Consortium Foundation Inc., (MSCFI), Philippine Institute of Development Studies (PIDS), various Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), and CHED Central and Mindanao Regional Offices. MinDA promoted and advocated the establishment of a Mindanao research and development center.

Fora with these partners generated inputs from stakeholders, including issues and proposed action plans towards the creation of the Mindanao Knowledge, Research and Policy Center (MKRPC). Partnership on capacity building and expanding research environment is being pursued with MSCFI, Commission on Higher Education (CHED), National Office and Philippine Institute on Development Studies (PIDS) on the strengthening of MKRPC and with MSCFI on pushing with the policy research training this third quarter of 2015.

MKRPC Social Media presence MinDA thru the MKRPC established its online presence by penetrating the social media community through notable sites such as Facebook and Twitter, as well as business-oriented social networking site like LinkedIn. Daily posts included related news bits on the Mindanao 2020 Research Agenda. MKRPC related events are augmented through publication of photos and live feeds via its social media accounts. A newsletter dubbed as the MKRPC Bulletin is also published monthly and is being disseminated via email. Recipients are the different stakeholders, partners, and researchers of the said program.

MKRPC Academe Technical Working Group MinDA, through MKRPC, established a strong network of Mindanao experts in the power industry through the creation of the MKRPC Academe Technical Working Group. The said group validates the output of the Study on the Assessment of the APHC way forward. Thru, MinDA, the group was able to actively participate in the Committee Hearings at the House of Representatives in Quezon City representing a strong voice from the academe sector of Mindanao in relation to the establishment of Mindanao Power Corporation.

Likewise, Western Mindanao State University (WMSU), University of Southern Mindanao (USM), Mindanao State University (MSU) System and University of Southeastern Philippines (USEP) participated in the enhancement of the concept note/discussion paper on the BIMP-EAGA Socio-Cultural and Educational, the additional pillar proposed by Philippines in the BIMP-EAGA Community.



TIGHTER BONDS Secretary Luwalhati Antonino (second from left), together with representatives from the University of Southeastern Philippines led by Dr. Rec Eguia (third from left) has sealed a partnership that will promote the advancement of the research sector in Mindanao. Photo by MinDA.

## A.2 Project Development and Resource Generation

### A.3.1 Project Development, Review and Resource Mobilization

MinDA provides strategic directions and guidance on the identification of projects, develop and package project proposals for funding particularly those that are Mindanao-wide, interregional, regional with Mindanao-wide impact and inter-sectoral in nature, in coordination with concerned agencies and institutions. MinDA also provided venues for convergence of efforts to rationalize resources for Mindanao's development.

#### Project Development Assistance

**Project Development Assistance Mechanisms.** One of the strategies that MinDA is pursuing for Mindanao's development is the rationalization of resources and integration of efforts. The mechanism towards this end is the convergence of Project Management Offices (PMOs) of existing ODA projects in Mindanao. These PMOs are clustered by sector. On 17 June 2015, 11 PMOs implementing environment projects met and defined their areas of convergence per river basin.

In the meantime, the Mindanao River Reconstruction Task Force (MRRTF) also identified and recommended nine (9) priority environment projects which form part of the Mindanao Investment Program.

**Mindanao Investment Program (MIP)** The Mindanao Investment Program is a document containing priority Mindanao wide/interregional region specific but with Mindanao wide impact projects from various studies and development plans. As of June 2015, the MIP has 41 projects validated by concerned agencies of which eight (8) are ongoing, five (5) have funding commitment by agencies, eight (8) in the pipeline (endorsed/submitted for funding), and 20 of which are in the proposal stage.

**Mindanao Resource Book** The Mindanao Resource Book comprises information of possible funding windows classified by donor such as official development assistance, special funds by national government agencies, corporate foundations. The 2015 version highlights the 10 special funds by NGAs.

#### Formulated 11 project concepts (Level 1)

ProjectConcept/Document/Proposal/TOR/Guidelinesdrafted

**Project Facilitation and Advisory Group (PFAG)** This is a 23-month joint project of MinDA and DILG focusing on facilitating the implementation of DILG-PAMANA Program in Mindanao. It aims to strengthen LGU capacities and fast-track PAMANA project implementation. Status: Awaiting for DBM approval

**Cacao Development Project** for 1,500 BSFP areas This is a joint project of DENR, DILG and MinDA for 2015-2016 as a component of the National Greening Program wherein the livelihood component will focus on cacao production in 1,500 selected areas in Mindanao. Status: 1,500 project sites identified but should not solely focus on cacao production as per DENR.

**Mindanao Coastal Greening Program** The project is aimed at transforming Mindanao's coasts into natural buffers against disasters while providing a sustainable source of food and livelihood for the communities around them. The project has been supported by MinDA Board Resolution No. 0045-8-2015. Status: Supported by MinDA Board Resolution #0045-8-2015

**Cacao Development Program** This is a consolidated program to develop the cacao industry in Mindanao. The framework for the development of the cacao industry is anchored on the overall framework of the Philippine Government for inclusive growth and the Mindanao Inclusive Agribusiness Program.

**Participatory Cacao Intercropping Project (PCIP)** This is a MinDA-PCA partnership for cacao development in Mindanao focusing assistance for coconut farmers wherein approximately 200,000 hectares will be planted with cacao (100,000,000 trees). Status: Currently on site selection phase with an initial earmarked budget of 12 million pesos.

**Mindanao Renewable Energy (RE) Development** A program which facilitates the carrying out of renewable energy development strategies for Mindanao.

**Mindanao LEDS Project** is a P3.6M capacity building program on LEDS for MinDA and LGUs sponsored by USAID B-LEADERS. It aims to conduct baseline studies such as Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory and Carbon Baseline Sequestration of two (2) TreeVolution areas. The project also aims to enact an LGU ordinance on RE development and GHG emission reduction. Status: Launched last May 18, 2015. Site visits prior to conduct of study currently pursued along with coordination meetings with local government units.

**One-Stop Shop Facilitation and Monitoring Center (OSFMC)** is a Php2.2 million tripartite partnership of MinDA, USAID B-LEADERS and University of Southeastern Philippines (USEP) for the operationalization of the center. Part of its intended outputs are OSFMC web portal, functioning center with three (3) RE projects facilitated and documentation/policy study on the RE streamlining process. Status: Launched last May 18, 2015 and is currently operational with funding support from USAID B-Leaders project.

**Small Scale Capacity Building Assistance for MinDA, ARMM and Bangsamoro** A 3-phase proposal for funding by ADB that aims to: (a) prepare the Mindanao Development Corridor-South Central Mindanao gateway study; (b) conduct capacity building for MinDA, ARMM and Bangsamoro on feasibility study preparation and PPP projects facilitation; and, (c) establish a PPP project facilitation and M&E unit. Status: ADB has approved funding for the 1st phase with a total amount of Php9.9 Million (approx). Procurement of consultants is ongoing.

**Mindanao Young TreeVolutionist Movement (MYTM)**. The initiative is a partnership of MinDA and NYC that aims to mobilize and create a pool of young volunteers for the environment capacitated with knowledge and skills on environmental advocacies. Status: The MYTM was initially convened on 15 May 2015 and was launched on 18 May 2015.

**Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES)**. The project shall commission a group of experts who will identify the type of Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) appropriate for implementation in the area, conduct stakeholders' consultation and capacity building trainings for stakeholders and create a framework for PES implementation. The PES Project was initially transmitted to the USAID B+WISER project. The experts of B+WISER on PES shall be tapped for capacity building activities.

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## Endorsed 32 projects to various agencies (Level 2)

Project endorsed to appropriate institution for funding

Project Name	Proponent	Endorsed to	Status
Inclusive Economic Development Program (IEDP)	Kahugpungan sa mga Gawasnong Organisasyon sa Kabanikanhang Mindanao (UNORKA)	DAR Central Office	The proposal was revised based on the comments by DAR XI. The meeting DAR Support Services Office is scheduled in July 2015.
Capacity Development Project for Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries in Region XI and Region XIII	Kahugpungan sa mga Gawasnong Organisasyon sa Kabanikanhang Mindanao (UNORKA)	DAR Central Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DAR Region XIII forwarded the proposal to concerned Provincial Agrarian Reform Office (PARO) of Agusan del Sur for action.</li> <li>The project proposal has been revised according to the comments and suggestion of DAR XI.</li> </ul>
Project proposal requesting for the inclusion of the priority development projects/ health facilities in the CY 2016 budget of the DoH	LGU-Maragusan, Compostela Valley	Department of Health	Endorsement sent to DoH and is presently with the Health Facilities Development Bureau (HFDB) for review.
Project proposal requesting the TESDA for inclusion of livelihood skills training in the Department's Budget for CY 2016	LGU-Maragusan, Compostela Valley	TESDA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Endorsement sent to TESDA XI</li> <li>The project may still be considered if it will be endorsed by DILG under BuB.</li> </ul>
Project Facilitation and Advisory Group (PFAG)s	MinDA	DILG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approved in principle by DILG.</li> <li>Waiting for the approval of DBM on the proposed structure.</li> </ul>
Mindanao Young TreeVolutionist Movement (MYTM)	MinDA	NYC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The MYTM was initially convened. Awaiting response of NYC on the funding</li> </ul>
PES for Mt Apo and Mt Kitanglad	MinDA	USAID-B+Wiser	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The PES Project was initially transmitted to the B+WISER project. The experts of B+WISER on PES shall be tapped for capacity building activities.</li> </ul>
Participatory Cacao Intercropping Project (PCIP)	MinDA	PCA	An initial 12M is earmarked by PCIP for 2015
Mindanao LEDS Project	MinDA	USAID B-LEADERS	Project ongoing
One Stop Shop Facilitation and Monitoring Center	MinDA		Project Ongoing
Small Scale Capacity Building Assistance for MinDA, ARMM and BDA	MinDA	ADB	Procurement of consultants is ongoing.
TIEZA Projects	Various proponents	TIEZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A total of 21 projects from LGUs were reviewed and endorsed for funding by TIEZA.</li> <li>Of the Php 623 million earmarked for Mindanao for 2015, 31% (Php 193.7 million) is for bidding or; 52% (Php 327 million) is in the pipeline; and 17% (Php 102.3 million) is yet for funding.</li> </ul>
Inclusive Partnerships for Agricultural Competitiveness	DAR	NEDA-ICC	Endorsed to NEDA-ICC

### Facilitated funding for projects & activities (Level 3)

Project funded

Project Name	Funding Amount (PhP million)
Cacao Development Program	1,516.38
Mindanao LEDS Project	3.6
One Stop Shop Facilitation and Monitoring Center	2.2
Small Scale Capacity Building Assistance for MinDA, ARMM and BDA	9.9
TIEZA	193.7
Celebrating Partnerships for a Greener Mindanao	0.4
Preparation of the Mandulog Watershed Masterplan	3
Total	1,729.18

MinDA secured  
**Php 1.729 billion**  
funding for the following critical  
and high impact projects  
in Mindanao.



PLANTING THE FUTURE Representatives from the youth sector come together to make a stand for the environment through the Mindanao Young Treevolutionists Movement (MYTM), a project facilitated by MinDA in collaboration with the National Youth Commission. Photo by MinDA.

### A.3.2 MindaNOW! Nurturing Our Waters Program

The MindaNOW! Nurturing Our Waters Program is a banner program of MinDA, interventions of which are anchored on sustainable development framework. It adopts the river basin and watershed as the key platforms for planning, emphasizes ecological value and capitalizes water as the most critical resource for human survival, and optimizes the full potentials of the river basin and watersheds without compromising its carrying capacity. The program comprises five components, namely (1) institution development and capacity building; (2) plan harmonization and knowledge management; (3) program support; (4) policy advocacy; and (5) constituency building.

MinDA in coordination with DENR, CCC, OCD, DILG, NEDA, DOST, DPWH and other implementing partners thru the MindaNOW! Program is currently facilitating the setting up of river basin management mechanisms including other platforms for complementation, completion and review of river basin master plans and implementation of climate change adaptation measures. The Program likewise mobilized partnerships with LGUs, business sectors, international development partners and academe as part of the constituency building for a greener Mindanao.

Below are the highlights of the Program's accomplishments for the first half of 2015:

**River Basin Management Councils and Alliances Organized and Strengthened** Of the eight (8) major river basins in Mindanao, one (1) RBO is functional, three (3) established and four (4) are in the organizing stage. The Mindanao River Basin Management Council and Agusan River Basin Governing Board Interim Officers were elected and are scheduled for Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signing while the Cagayan de Oro Management Council was in full gear in strengthening its capacities.

**River Basin Master Plans Formulation Facilitated with MRB endorsed to Climate Change Cabinet Cluster** Of the eight (8) river basin master plans to be formulated, seven (7) were completed and endorsed by their respective Regional Development Councils (RDCs). The Tagum-Libuganon River Basin Master Plan is being reviewed by the Economic Development Committee before it will be endorsed by RDC XI while the enhancement of Agusan River Basin Master Plan is ongoing. The Cabinet Cluster on Climate Change adopted the Mindanao River Basin Master Plan and the Buayan-Malungon Master Plan for support.

**Guinness World Record for Most Number of Trees Planted in One Hour in Multiple Locations** The TreeVolution: Greening MindaNOW successfully set a new Guinness World Record (GWR) for the Most Trees Planted Simultaneously at Multiple locations within one hour, carried out by 122,168 volunteers in 29 locations across Mindanao. The said historic event had planted a total of 4 million trees planted across six (6) regions in Mindanao, however, based on stringent guidelines on documentary and video evidences, GWR only certified 2,294,629 trees. The 4 million trees planted include Cacao, Rubber, Coffee, Mahogany, Falcatta, Mangrove, and other fruit and indigenous trees.

**MindaNOW! 2015 Priority Projects Implemented** The MindaNOW! Program has implemented five (5) projects in the first half of this year:

**Critical Rivers Rapid Assessment** The second batch of the study of critical rivers was completed in partnership with the MRRTF and Central Mindanao University. The study found out that 19 of the 21 critical rivers identified by the MRRTF are highly degraded and needing immediate interventions. Common issues affecting these rivers include small scale mining, large scale quarrying, improper waste disposal, illegal logging, residential encroachment, and intensified agricultural cultivation that resulted to channelization, poor water quality and loss of rivers' ecological services and functions. The result of the study was presented to the MinDA board in which a resolution was passed enjoining agencies and LGUs to prioritize interventions in the critical rivers.

**Barangay Forest StraTREEgic Project** This project is a joint undertaking of MinDA, DENR and DILG. It aims to establish nurseries in 1,700 barangays across Mindanao and plant forest trees and cacao in 34,000 hectares by 2016.

As of June 2015, there are already 131 barangays validated and P28 million funds downloaded to DENR Regional Offices of IX, X, XI, XII and CARAGA. The beneficiary barangays in Northern Mindanao have been preparing for the actual planting of tree species most of which are cacao trees. On the other hand, the Municipality of Libona in Bukidnon is awaiting the fund download from DENR Central Office to commence the planting activities in its 40 hectare land area. In addition, MinDA, DENR and DILG regional offices are currently undertaking stakeholders' consultation and identification of remaining barangays.



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Mindanao Young TreeVolutionist Movement (MYTM) Building on the gains of the TreeVolution, approximately 80 percent of the volunteers during the TreeVolution: Greening MindaNOW! comprising the youth sector were actively engaged and showed commitment for environmental protection. In partnership with the NYC, the MYTM was organized by the MindaNOW! Program as a platform for the youth that will help generate effective responses to ecological challenges and deliver the anticipated benefits of the TreeVolution. MinDA, NYC and JCI will mobilize the local MYTM by September 2015.

Mindanao Low Emission Development Strategies (LEDS) This is in partnership with USAID's B-LEADERS Project to enhance the capacities of selected LGUs in developing LEDS, identify the impact of reforestation activities such as TreeVolution through a LEDS baseline study (GHG Emissions and Carbon Sequestration) and, to enact a policy promulgation from an LGU identifying actions to reduce emissions. MindaNOW! is now preparing the Memorandum of Agreement with the Davao City LGU for the LEDS while another site is being identified for the same LEDS project.

PES for Kalatungan Project The CDORBMC through its active member Xavier University (XU) has already started the mass promotion of the PES scheme to potential buyers using the VEST Project or Valuing Ecosystem Services Together Project as a social marketing movement to propel communities for a sustainable management of forest resources in Northern Mindanao. PES has been piloted within the ancestral domain of the Miayayon-Lapok-Lirongan-Tinaytayan-Talaandig Tribal Association (MILALITTRA), one of the 12 Lumad communities in the protected area of Talakag, Bukidnon in NM.

MinDA Board of Directors Supports MindaNOW! Projects through Resolutions. The MinDA Board of Directors during its 8th meeting passed the following resolutions in support to the implementation of MindaNOW! Projects:

- BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 0046-8-2015 - Resolution Enjoining All Concerned National Government Agencies and Provincial and Municipal Local Government Units to Prioritize Interventions for the 19 Critical Rivers in Mindanao;
- BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 0056-8-2015 - Resolution Urging All The Local Government Units in Mindanao to Support the Treévolution: Greening MindaNOW Activities as a Measure to Raise Consciousness on Environmental Protection;
- BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 0055-8-2015 - Resolution Congratulating the Local Government Units and National Government Agencies in Mindanao for their Full Support to the Treévolution: Greening MindaNOW! Project;
- BOARD RESOLUTION NO 0045-8-2015 - Resolution Urging All the Local Government Units in Coastal Areas of Mindanao to Support the Coastal Greening Project of the MindaNOW! Nurturing Our Waters Program; and,
- BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 0044-8-2015 - Resolution Endorsing the Creation of the Mindanao Young TreeVolutionists Movement (MYTM).

MindaNOW! Partnerships Expanded In the course of implementing the projects, the MindaNOW! Program has expanded its partnerships with different agencies and organizations. During the first half of 2015, the following partnerships are being forged and strengthened:

- HELP Davao - MindaNOW! is also partnering with Hydrology for Environment, Life and Policy (HELP) Davao to develop a framework plan for Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) and support the development and implementation of IWRM in Mindanao. As an offshoot to the BIMP-EAGA and IMT-GT Forum conducted last October 2014, A Resolution Urging All Water Stakeholders in Mindanao to Develop a Framework Plan for IWRM and Support the Development and Implementation of IWRM in Mindanao will be passed by MinDA and HELP Davao.

- USAID – expressed to partner with MinDA through its environment projects; the B-LEADERS and B+WISER. LEDs Mindanao, in collaboration with B-LEADERS is now on implementation while the partnership with B+WISER is being explored. One of the activities supported by B-LEADERS is the Celebrating Mindanao Partnerships for a Greener Mindanao.

The event highlighted the current partnerships of MinDA for the protection and preservation of Mindanao's environment, such as:

- Mindanao Young TreeVolutionists Movement (MYTM) with the National Youth Commission
- Baseline Study on GHG Emissions and Carbon Sequestration for TreeVolution Areas with the B-LEADERS Project of the USAID.
- NYC – a partner of MinDA in rallying the youth for the Mindanao Young Treevolutionists Movement (MYTM).
- Naawan LGU – MinDA is providing assistance to the Naawan LGU in the amount of Php 50,000 for a 60-hectare cacao plantation in partnership with Kennemer.

### MinDANOW! PROGRAM'S EXTENDED PARTNERSHIPS



### CURRENT STATUS OF RIVER BASIN ORGANIZATIONS AND THEIR RESPECTIVE MASTER PLANS

River Basin	Status of RBO	Status of Master Plan
Mindanao River Basin	MRB Management Council Interim Officers elected; MOA being routed for signing	Endorsed by RDC X, XII and REDPB Adopted by Cabinet Cluster on Climate Change
Davao River Basin	MOA for signing; TWGs organized	Endorsed by RDC XI
Cagayan de Oro River Basin	Functional	Endorsed by RDC X
Lanao-Agus River Basin	TWG organized Negotiation stage to interface with Lake Lanao Watershed Management Council	Endorsed by RDC X
Tagoloan River Basin	Council organized	Endorsed by RDC X
Buayan-Malungon River Basin	Interim Officers elected MOA for signing	Endorsed by RDC XI and XII Adopted by Cabinet Cluster on Climate Change
Tagum-Libuganon River Basin	TWGs organized; MOA for signing	Under review by EDC of RDC XI
Agusan River Basin	ARB Governing Board Interim Officers elected MOA signing scheduled in August 2015	Under review by EDC of RDC XI

## A.4 Mindanao and BIMP-EAGA Database

### A.4.1. Mindanao Knowledge Resource and Policy Center

The MKRPC is a network of research institutions that expands the research environment in Mindanao by promoting a diverse research agenda and providing decision-makers a wide range of updated information tools they can use as basis for their decisions and development policies for Mindanao. Among its projects are the establishment of an accessible and comprehensive database on Mindanao and BIMP-EAGA as well as a facilitation center for information, investment and project development and monitoring.

**Mindanao Knowledge Center / Facilitation Center** The Knowledge Center is a physical office space at MinDA catering to service requirements of clients from information to investment facilitation (i.e., power generation, cacao, banana, environmental management). The center also houses up-to-date materials on Mindanao and BIMP-EAGA, ambient meeting space with access to the internet, and other advance facilities to provide better on-site customer experience.

**Enhanced Mindanao and BIMP-EAGA Database** In its pursuit to provide a comprehensive information system on Mindanao and BIMP-EAGA, the agency has partnered with the Southern Philippines Agri-Business and Marine and Aquatic School of Technology (SPAMAST), thru the Mindanao Knowledge, Resource and Policy Center Project, to assist in the enhancement of the MinDA Portal which includes content build-up and packaging of statistical information, researches, programs and projects, and analysis reports.

The database for BIMP EAGA, integrated with the said info-system, which consists of GDP, Trade and Investment data, was expanded by estimating the GDP of Palawan and collecting data on trade between Palawan and BIM, FDI (foreign direct investments) between from BIM to Palawan.

The information system, the MinDA Portal ([www.minda.gov.ph](http://www.minda.gov.ph)), now includes spatial support and enhanced report generation. The said enhancement will allow stakeholder/client to acquire information in maps, graphs, and easy-to-read statistical tables.

### A.4.2 Mindanao and BIMP-EAGA Knowledge Products

As part of its information dissemination strategy, the agency has published various knowledge products on Mindanao and BIMP-EAGA, and various project reports that will enhance understanding and appreciation of the stakeholders.

**Mindanao Development Statistics** MinDA has released the 2014 Mindanao Development Statistics book highlighting statistical figures for some identified socio-economic sectors in Mindanao. The statistical book can be downloaded from the MinDA website and printed copies can also be accessed from the Area Management Offices in various key areas in Mindanao.

MinDA is also working extensively in updating the Mindanao Environment Statistics to facilitate implementation and monitoring of the Mindanao Nurturing Our Waters (MinDANOW) Program.

**Mindanao and Philippines-EAGA Directory** Mindanao and BIMP-EAGA Directory is a publication containing contact information of various Local Government Officials, National Line Agencies, Regional Line Agencies, and Private Sector Associations both in Mindanao and Palawan (with respect to BIMP-EAGA sub-regional cooperation). The directory of contacts can be downloaded from the MinDA website.

**Mindanao Development Corridors Investment Brochure** MinDA has conducted various consultations for the Mindanao Development Corridors Program with partner agencies involving identification and mapping of priority commodities in the area (existing and potential) as well as, logistical requirements and other infrastructure projects that would support development of the said industry.

The data acquired from the consultations have been presented to National Line Agencies as reference for possible identification of infra-support projects for specific industries through investment brochures and other IEC materials.

**Library Assets** MinDA Library collections were enhanced through the acquisition of new titles and donations from partners/stakeholders. As of June 2015, 22 titles were acquired, and circulated.



**A.4.3. Information Systems (Sector Specific) In the Mindanao**  
2020 Peace and Development Framework plan, Information and Communications Technology (ICT) is identified as a key enabler in facilitating economic growth. MinDA has sponsored the development of various ICT-based platforms that would allow access to information specific to a sector or industry.

**Mindanao Power Portal** The Mindanao Power Portal is a web-based information system that provides up-to-date information on Mindanao's power industry. It generates key statistical figures on the supply and demand, profile of stakeholders (generators, distributors and electric cooperatives) and other pertinent data relating to the power industry development. The facility is maintained by members of the Mindanao Power Monitoring Committee (MPMC).

Delivery of vital information from the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP) to the Mindanao Power Portal is currently being developed.

**One-Stop Shop Facilitation and Monitoring Web Portal** The One-Stop-Shop Facilitation and Monitoring Web Portal is a web-based information system designed for exclusive access to members of the MPMC and permitting agencies (DOE, DENR, NWRB, NCIP, DA) in the conduct of monitoring and facilitation of all renewable-based power projects in Mindanao.

Through this facility, MPMC was able to fast track three (3) renewable energy-based projects for the 1st semester of 2015. The facility is also being enhanced to be able to support other information requirements by MPMC including possibility of integrating other information systems related to permit releasing being operated by other agencies.

MinDA has also conducted user's training on the One Stop Facilitation and Monitoring Center web application for RE-based Power Projects. This was conducted in partnership with USAID. A total of 40 personnel from partner agencies (NCIP, DENR, DOE, NWRB, and DA) were trained on content management and reporting.

**River Basin Management Information System** The Mindanao River Basin Management and Information System is a web-based information system conceptualized to provide general and technical information on the state of the eight (8) major river basins in Mindanao. The facility is ongoing development. One of its information design goals is to collaborate with other online information systems like NAMRIA's Philippine GeoPortal and DOST's Project NOAH.

**The Integrated Information Management Systems (IIMS)** of the DENR-River Basin Control Office (RBCO) is also being planned for integration with the RBMIS. The IIMS is the database system used by the River Basin Organization (RBOs) in the Philippines. IIMS supports a comprehensive set of information requirements from Physiological, BioDiversity and Hazard Information to name a few. Through this information system, information will be generated on the projects, hydrological data and analysis, climatology, flora and fauna, socio-economic and demographic profile and events and disasters. Once operational, it will later on include the other river basins in the system.

**Online Events Management System** The events management system is an online tool providing several features for managing events and participant coordination. It reduced the total time for MinDA to conduct pre and post activities on major events like participant confirmation, report generation and real-time monitoring of movement of participants within the event.

**Intranet Systems** Internal information management systems were also enhanced to improve document tracking, task monitoring, finance monitoring and information sharing within the agency. The broadband connectivity of the agency was upgraded to allow better access to information and the ability to host ICT solutions from within the office.

MinDA also facilitated the continuing development of the financial monitoring system. This provides better decision-support systems for management on physical and financial performance.

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#### **A.4.4 Support to National ICT Initiatives**

Compliance to National Government's Medium-Term ICT Harmonization Initiative (MITHI), OP-Administrative Order #39, and Transparency Seal. The agency's Information Systems Strategic Plan (ISSP) 2016-2018 was submitted and reviewed by DBM, DOST-ICTO as part of its annual preparation and financial budgeting of various ICT programs and activities of various government agencies. Included in the ISSP 2016-2018 are relevant ICT programs and projects of MinDA which includes Investments Database and Promotional activities program - a partnership with NAMRIA on data development and industry mapping. The agency is also regularly updating the Transparency Seal Section of MinDA's website as a requisite to ARTA rules and regulations.



## MINDANAO AND BIMP-EAGA INVESTMENT PROGRAM

INVESTING IN DEVELOPMENT MinDA, through its Investment Promotions and Facilitation program, aims to strengthen and increase investment opportunities for Mindanao by coordinating with potential partners through various inbound and outbound trade missions. Photo by MinDA.

### B.1 Trade and Investments Promotions and Marketing

In line with the MinDA's mandate of promoting investment and trade opportunities and its broader effort of accelerating development in Mindanao, the authority conducted and facilitated various trade and investments activities which generated trade and investment leads and opportunities for Mindanao. Likewise, the authority engaged various partner agencies and institutions and stakeholders in line with the implementation of its trade and investment promotion and facilitation program.

#### Facilitating Investments - Outbound Missions (Foreign)

5th Annual Investment Meeting (AIM) 2015 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE). March 30 – April 1, 2015.

A large Mindanao delegation was part of the INVEST PHILIPPINES team during the said event. The delegation was led by MinDA Chairperson Sec. Luwalhati R. Antonino, Usec. Ponciano Manalo Jr. of the Philippine Department of Trade and Industry-Board of Investments, and Administrator Christopher Lawrence Arnuco of the Zamboanga City Special Economic Zone and Freeport Authority. Around 54 participating individuals and companies comprised the INVEST PHILIPPINES delegation.

AIM 2015 which was held at the Dubai International Convention and Exhibition Center is the biggest global investment conference for public and private sectors from all over the world. It is a venue to network with foreign direct investors and disseminate information on opportunities for foreign direct investments. The Philippines had its own INVEST PHILIPPINES Pavilion during the event with the theme "Sustainable Development through FDI-induced innovation and technology transfer" and more than 140 countries participated during the said event.

The Philippine delegation highlighted the agribusiness, manufacturing, tourism, infrastructure and IT-Business Process Management (BPM) as the growing sectors for investment in the country. During the event, a Philippine Investment Opportunities Forum was held where Sec. Antonino presented the Investment Opportunities and Investment Projects in Mindanao. She highlighted various projects and opportunities in Agribusiness and Agriculture particularly the 3Cs – cacao, coffee and coconut, Transport and Logistics sector projects, power-related projects focusing on Renewable Energy such as hydro, biomass and solar projects as well as opportunities in the Zamboanga City Special Ecozone and Freeport and the proposed Davao South Marina and Industrial Park in Davao Del Sur.

During the AIM 2015, the Philippines was conferred the "Investment Projects Award in Asia" considered to be a widely appreciated recognition of the best Investment Promotion Agencies (IPAs).

Upon the invitation of MinDA and Board of Investments (BOI), various areas in Mindanao were able to promote their investment opportunities during AIM 2015, as follows.

Davao City through the Davao City Investment Promotion Center and Davao PPP Board Representatives Davao City Councilor Hon. Antoinette Principe-Castrodes and DCIPC Head Mr. Ivan Cortez pitched for Davao City's investment opportunities such as agribusiness and food processing, tourism and recreational facilities, light manufacturing and assembly, property development, establishment of health and wellness facilities, educational and sports facilities, green projects for environmental protection, information and communication technology, renewable energy sources for development. Dr. Malou Monteverde of the City's Public Private Sector Partnership (PPP) Board also promoted transport and logistics-related projects and infrastructure projects of the city including PPP projects.

Davao Del Sur through the Davao Del Sur Investment Promotion and Incentives Office. Davao Del Sur officials led by its Vice Governor Hon. Aileen Almendras promoted her province as the new address for progress and leisure in Southern Philippines and a growing preferred location by investors.

Davao del Sur Province Investment Officer and Consultant Ms. Givel Mamaril promoted the province as the gateway to industry and technology. She cited various opportunities in the province such as renewable energy sources for development particularly hydropower and biomass, its quality water supply, efficient logistics and abundant agricultural production, among others. She also promoted various projects in agriculture, tourism and energy. She mentioned two (2) new special economic zones of the province particularly the Davao South Marina and Industrial Park and Davao South Greenspace Eco-industrial Park.

Zamboanga City Investment Opportunities were promoted through its LGU representative and representatives from the Zamboanga City Special Zone Authority and Freeport. Chairperson and Administrator Christopher Lawrence Arnuco promoted ZCSEA and Freeport as the only freeport in the islands of Visayas and Mindanao. He highlighted that Zamboanga Peninsula is the source of champion agri-based products such as rubber, cassava, fisheries and coconut products. Mr. Arnaco promoted their area as the proposed center of halal in ASEAN and they were looking for investors for plantation of halal products as well as equity players to finance the development of their 3-kilometer seaport fronting the economic zone which is being planned as a world-class international gateway. Likewise, ZCESA were also looking for businessmen and companies in UAE who would like to invest and set up assembly lines for chicken slaughterhouse, poultry farm and industries related to poultry. Aside from ZCESA, Zamboanga City investment opportunities were also marketed to potential visitors by a representative from the LGU Investment Promotion Office.

Mindanao Business Council and other private sector groups from General Santos City, Davao City Chamber of Commerce, among others. Private sector business groups in Mindanao also participated in AIM 2015 led by MinBC Chairperson Mr. Vicente T. Lao with the prospect of partnering with businessmen in UAE that would increase trade particularly exports of agri-based food products from Mindanao to UAE through Abu Dhabi or Dubai.

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#### Preliminary Results and Investment Leads Generated from AIM 2015 Participation

- Increase exports of Halal certified products to UAE through Dubai - halal poultry products, coconut-based products such as virgin coconut oil, coconut sugar, coco coir and coco peat, fresh fruit exports such as mango, pineapple and bananas (existing from Unifrutti).
- Possible partnership and assistance in facilitating investments in agriculture and agribusiness.
- Possible establishment of a training center for tourism in the Philippines that would cater to the human resource requirements for the hotels and resorts of Jumeirah Group of Companies. Currently, Jumeirah Groups employs several Filipino workers and they have considered the vast pool of talents in the country for tourism and hospitality industries in their future requirements for their hotels and resorts.
- Invitation for Philippine businesses to expand and set-up a trading post in Dubai through Jebel Ali Freeport Zone Authority (JAFZA) and they promised to process their business application within two (2) days provided all the requirements are ready.
- Possibility of investing in port development projects in the Philippines (not too large ports) by Dubai Ports World.
- Latiff Jameel Group's interest to invest in the Philippines particularly in renewable energy, infrastructure development, among others.
- Possible assistance for Officials of Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA) and Emirates Investment Authority (EIA) in facilitating investment projects particularly on real estate and infrastructure development, tourism and renewable energy.
- Possible collaboration and cooperation between MinDA and Frost and Sullivan Group in terms of growth partnership, innovation and R and D. Frost and Sullivan Group is the world leader in growth consulting and the integrated areas of technology research, market research, mega trends, economic research, customer research, competitive intelligence and corporate strategy.
- Potential investors on several projects in Davao Del Sur - Davao South Marina and Industrial Park, a proposed eco city by the sea, integrated into 1000 hectares scenic backdrop area in Davao Del Sur. The industrial park components include a 600 megawatt power plant, shipyard building facilities, leisure facilities, hotel, marina and yacht club.

## Facilitating Investments - Outbound Missions (Local)

Mindanao Business Conference – Promotional Rounds The Mindanao Business Conference (MinBizCon) Promotional Rounds in key cities were conducted during the first semester as part of the promotional and policy rounds for the 2015 MinBizCon which will be held in Dipolog City on September 2-4, 2015. The regional rounds involved generation of possible investment opportunities that can be promoted in the investment roadshows as well as generate policy issues and concerns from the business sectors as well as recommended solutions from both the private and public sectors on such issues.

The areas covered during the MinBizCon rounds were the cities of Dipolog, Davao, General Santos, Cagayan de Oro, and Surigao.

**Mindanao Export Competitiveness** In line with the goal of strengthening Mindanao's exporters organizations, MinDA also met with various PhilExport Chapters in Mindanao particularly in the cities of Davao, Cagayan de Oro and Iligan to get updates on the various issues and concerns that were raised during the 1st Mindanao

Exporters Congress and also in preparation to the conduct of the 2nd Mindanao Exporters Congress in Davao City in July 23-25, 2015. The conduct of the exporters' congress is one way of generating issues and concerns, and provide possible solutions that need both private sector and public sector actions and programs that will advance the export industry. This is also in line with Mindanao's participation in BIMP-EAGA development and ASEAN Economic Community.

**Mindanao Investment Databases** In line with the investment facilitation function such as giving business advisories and information to businessmen and investors, the IPD has started to strengthen its database buildup for its investment databank. The division generated various investment-related data through online research, conduct of actual visits to data sources for the first semester in 2015. The team generated various data such as business directories, value chain analysis, value chain maps, industry studies, cost of doing business among other data from visits to the following areas in Mindanao: Bukidnon, Butuan City, Cotabato City, General Santos City, Iligan City, Sultan Kudarat, and Surigao City.



MINBIZCON 2015 MinDA provides support to the Mindanao Business Conference which is seen as an integral avenue in forming and strengthening partnerships with the business sector.  
Photo by MinDA.

## Facilitating Investments - Inbound Missions

Visit of the President and CEO of Abdul Latif Jameel Corporation based in Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates, 22-23 April 2015, Makati City MinDA assisted in facilitating the meeting last April 22, 2015 of Mohammed Abdul Latif Jameel, Chairman and President of Abdul Latif Jameel Group, with officials of the Board of Investments (BOI) during his visit in the Philippines. As an offshoot of that meeting during the AIM 2015 held in Dubai, UAE last April 2015, the Chairman and President together with ALJ's Asia-Pacific Director based in Japan visited the Philippines last April 21-27, 2015.

Abdul Latiff Jameel (ALJ) Group is interested to invest on renewable energy, infrastructure related and financial services projects in the Philippines. They are exploring potential investment partnerships in the country particularly in manpower recruitment and training, renewable energy investments, automotive investments such as the electric vehicle which can be distributed to the Middle East countries.

Visit of Philippine Agricultural Attaché to UAE in key cities in Mindanao MinDA assisted the Philippine Agricultural Attaché to UAE during his visits in key cities in Mindanao particularly General Santos, Davao and Zamboanga. He visited several companies in various regions which will be potential sources of agri-based exports such

as poultry and livestock products, coconut-based products such as virgin coconut oil, coconut sugar, coco coir and coco peat and fresh fruit exports particularly bananas, pineapple, papaya and mango. The long term objective for this visit is to find ways on how to increase the country's export of agriculture-based products to the Middle East via UAE.

FELDA Global Ventures (FGV) Holdings Berhad forged a Memorandum of Agreement with Bali Oil Palm Producers Corporation FGV's Research and Development and Agricultural Supplies and Services Cluster signed a Memorandum of Cooperation with Northern Mindanao-based Bali Palm Oil Palm Producers Corporation (BOPPC) last May 11, 2015 at Luxe Hotel, Cagayan de Oro City. The signing was graced by MinDA Chairperson Sec. Luwalhati R. Antonino and key officials of FGV.

BOPPC claims itself to be a social enterprise and its long term goal is to develop contract growers in Misamis Oriental, Bukidnon and Davao areas covering LGUs & Farmer Associations whose members are poor and marginal farmers, Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries and ARBOs, holders of Integrated Forest Mgt (IFM), Community Based Forest Management & Indigenous Peoples. They would like to partner with investors in the construction of oil mills and refineries close to the oil palm farms of contract growers.

## Trade and Investment Facilitation Services

MinDA, in cooperation with the Office of BOI XI-Davao Region and various Local Economic and Investment Promotion Officers in Mindanao provided investor facilitation services to a number of existing and potential investors who expressed their interests to do business in Mindanao. The services rendered include: business advisory and business intelligence services, identification of potential investment sites, and linkage with local government officials and businessmen.

MinDA, together with BOI-Region XI, supported the revitalization of the Kidapawan City Investment Promotion Center. In March 2015, MinDA facilitated the creation of Kidapawan City's City Investment Assistance Network (CIAN).

## Seeds of Partnerships and Networking

**Cacao Double-up Program** The Cacao Double-Up Program aims to increase the country's cacao production by planting 100 Million cacao trees intercropped into 200,000 hectares of coconut plantation. The project will be implemented in partnership with various agencies, i.e., DA, PCA, DTI, DOST, DAR, DENR, LandBank, State Universities and Colleges and key private sector groups. The key project term "Double-Up" sums up the project's target of notching up the industry's production capacity through a double-tier strategy: (1) granting basic seedlings capital of P25/tree through an \*incentive-based reward system, and (2) partnering with cacao farmers to counterpart farm inputs, labor, fertilizers, etc., with support from various cacao programs of government agencies.

The PCA will collaborate with MinDA in implementing a participatory Intercropping scheme with existing coconut plantations while the rest of agencies will work out a complementation mechanism to converge its respective cacao support services into an integrated program mutually reinforcing each other. MinDA has also engaged relevant stakeholders in the design and formulation of an action plan of the said program. The program will benefit several farmers in the countryside and the program will work with various local government units through MinDA's Area Management Offices in Mindanao during its implementation phase.

As a means to promote cacao-intercropping among coconut trees, MinDA, in coordination with the PCA and the Office of the Presidential Assistant on Food Security together with the PCA regional offices, organized the "Coconut-Cocoa Palayamanan Program" last April 2015. As conceptualized, MinDA and PCA have bound themselves to support small coconut farmers in order to increase their income through various ventures and enterprises. The world-wide demand for cacao was recognized, hence, upscaling both coconut productivity with cacao was seen as inevitable and desirable.

The AMOs also conducted liaisoning with coconut farmers and farmers' groups to take advantage of this large-scale interest on the production of chocolate. Likewise, areas of mutual research, linkages with other



**CACAO TALK** MinDA has seen cacao as an opportune industry that will boost Mindanao's economic climate and in response to such, it has initiated related projects such as the Cacao Double-Up program. Photo by MinDA.

agricultural institutions and for the increased propagation of cacao were explored with the University of Southern Mindanao which is the center for cacao research. A meeting was likewise facilitated between Kennemer Foods International (KFI), a well-known international buyer of cacao and an established player in Mindanao, and North Cotabato Gov. Talino-Mendoza for the linking of KFI with farmers' organizations in the province.

**Inclusive Business and Industry Development through MinDA's Partnership with Philippine Business and Social Progress (PBSP)** In line with MinDA's Mindanao Inclusive Business Program, a Technical Working Group of JES-IBIM composed of MinDA and PBSP personnel convened in June 2015 to discuss the action plan in the implementation of the MOA signed in 2014.

The formulation of an action plan was the first step that was agreed upon by the TWG which they can work on for the rest of the second half of 2015. They hope to convene the JES-IBIM Steering Committee in early 2016.

Through this partnership we hope to generate more investments in the countryside. For example, Unilever Philippines was looking for partner communities and local businessmen for the production of purple jam and sources of coconuts. MinDA, together with PCCI-Mindanao initiated to match these requirements to potential partner communities during the policy and promotional rounds for the Mindanao Business Conference conducted by the various Chambers of Commerce in Mindanao.

**Philippine Investment Promotion Plan (PIPP) Network** MinDA participated in the monthly regular meetings of the PIPP Network Technical Working Group which is chaired by the Bases Conversion Development Authority (BCDA). The PIPP TWG members met every first Tuesday of each month. The PIPP serves as the guiding document for all investment promotion intermediaries (IPIs) to improve and synchronize strategies in investment promotion. The PIPP is planning to conduct investment selling missions during the year in China, Japan and in Malaysia.

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**The Cacao Double-Up Program  
aims to increase the country's  
cacao production by planting  
100 Million cacao trees  
intercropped into 200,000  
hectares of coconut plantation.**

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## B.2 Public Relations

For the first semester of 2015, MinDA through its Public Relations Division (PuRD) continued its implementation of communication strategies and initiatives that are aligned to the Mindanao 2020 Communication for Development (C4D) Plan. In January of 2015, MinDA crafted its Communication for Development and Media Operational Plan, which outlined 10 Media and Communication Plans to be implemented for the entire year.

Seven media and communication plans were completed from January to June, which helped increase public awareness on the socioeconomic activities in Mindanao. These media and communication plans included full media-related work such as press conferences, media interviews, news and photo releases and media guesting. Communication strategies aimed to widen the reach of communication products were utilized to complement with the media initiatives implemented in the first semester of 2015.

The seven media and communication plans that were crafted and implemented during the first semester maximized communication and public relations activities, as well as highlighted the agency's successes and translated these into communication and public relations products that reflect the organization's thrusts and visions.

Each media plan incorporated the implementation of communication and key messaging strategies that are translated into press conferences, media briefings and interviews, radio and television guesting, crafting of news and photo releases, social media updates, and the development of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) and promotional materials. These media and communication plans included the following (see table)

Part of the accomplishments of MinDA during the first semester is the engagement of media in efforts to increase public awareness on the development initiatives currently being undertaken in Mindanao. Updates on these initiatives were released to the public in the form of photo and news releases by either actual crafting of news articles or through media interviews. From January to June of 2015, MinDA secured the placements of 349 photos and news articles in local, national, and online media outlets. Of this number, 87 were generated by MinDA while 236 were published with MinDA's assistance. More than 25 Stories and photos cited the organization.

MinDA's public relations division also crafted 14 speeches and messages that were delivered during public fora, consultations, and meetings. Some of these speeches and messages were either printed in souvenir programs or presented during public events.

As part of MinDA's initiative to diversify its media engagement, massive updates on Facebook and Twitter, as well as regular updating of its official website were carried out to strengthen the agency's presence on social media. Parallel efforts to institutionalize the MinDA Brand were also implemented by incorporating standards in the production of its IEC products such as the updated brochures, newsletters, institutional folders, investment portfolio, information packets, and other marketing and promotional materials.

**Maximized communication and public relations activities, as well as other communication and public relations products reflected the organization's thrusts and visions.**

### Media and Communication Plans Crafted by the Public Relations Division

BIMP-EAGA Strategic Planning Meeting  
February 16-18, 2015 | Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Annual Investment Meeting (AIM)  
March 9 to April 30, 2015 | Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Regional Radio Engagements  
implemented from March to June 2015

11th BIMP-EAGA Leaders Summit and the BIMP-EAGA Senior Officials and Cluster Heads Post-Summit Meeting  
April 28, 2014 | Langkawi, Malaysia  
May 25-26, 2015 | Palawan, Philippines (Post-Summit Meeting)

8th MinDA Board Meeting  
May 11, 2015 | Davao City

Opening of the OSFMC and the  
Celebrating Partnerships for a Greener Mindanao  
May 18, 2015 at the Marco Polo Hotel, Davao City

1st BIMP-EAGA Advisory Board Meeting  
June 29, 2015 | Palawan, Philippines



MINDANAO'S VOICE Romeo Montenegro, director for investment promotions and public affairs, responds to queries from the media regarding the power situation in Mindanao as a part of the agency's initiative to promote the MinDA's efforts in improving the energy mix in the island-region. Photo by MinDA.

In its continuing efforts to intensify communication and media advocacy, several communication initiatives were implemented to promote further the ongoing activities of MinDA's flagship programs.

An issue of Sulog, the official newsletter of MindaNOW! Nurturing Our Waters Program was published during the first quarter as part of the communication support to the program. The issue featured the successful conduct of TreeVolution: Greening MindaNOW. Social media updates and photo coverage on the conduct of various activities were also accomplished to highlight the program's ongoing efforts and achievements.

To strengthen the understanding of Mindanao's power situation, MinDA organized a series of training sessions aimed to capacitate the participants on the basics of Mindanao's power sector and its supporting industries. MinDA also produced power investment portfolios as part of the Mindanao Power Development Program's campaign to increase interest and investment in Renewable Energy (RE). These investment portfolios were distributed during the Annual Investment Meeting (AIM) in Dubai. Media interviews and press conferences were also arranged for the program to widen understanding on unique situation of Mindanao's power sector.

Several investment-related activities were also provided with media and communication support to strengthen MinDA's Investment Promotion and Facilitation Program. An information packet on Mindanao's investment opportunities was developed and produced for potential investors. The same packet was also distributed during the AIM in Dubai and in the succeeding investment meetings in Abu Dhabi. An enhanced version of the packet will be reproduced in the

3rd quarter of this year.

Also in line with MinDA's efforts to intensify communication and media advocacy, several communication materials were produced by MinDA for the sub-programs of the Mindanao Development Corridors. News stories on the endorsement of the corridors program were also released to the media to showcase the increasing acceptance of the spatial strategy as one of the anchor programs of Mindanao.

In efforts to highlight the ongoing initiatives to effect rapid inclusive growth in Mindanao, MinDA produced communication materials in the form of investment packets for its Inclusive Business Growth Program which was distributed to potential investors and industry players. The investment packet also featured the Mindanao Cacao Double-Up Project, which aims to renew interest in the cacao industry and for Mindanao to scale-up its current cocoa production capacity to benefit small holder farmers and community-based enterprises towards inclusive growth.

For Mindanao's engagement in the BIMP-EAGA, MinDA crafted and implemented several event-based media and communication plans to support ongoing initiatives in the sub-regional grouping. The media and communication plans incorporated media-based activities designed to foster deeper understanding and appreciation of Mindanao's participation in the sub-grouping. Photos and stories on EAGA updates were also uploaded on the Internet and through social media to widen the reach of information on the initiative. MinDA's official newsletter The Mindanao Review carried stories on the BIMP-EAGA, and highlighted the creation of the new pillar in the sub-region which the education and socio-cultural pillar.



MAKING THE CASE MinDA has actively participated in opportunities to address crucial issues involving Mindanao's development through press conferences and interviews.  
Photo by MinDA.



**WIDENING LINKAGES**. Seeing connectivity as an enabling factor in the pursuit of the goals under the BIMP-EAGA initiative, MinDA facilitates various projects that will provide a go signal for connectivity projects that will allow seamless exchanges between the countries in the sub-economic region. Photo by MinDA.

### B.3 BIMP-EAGA and Other International Trade and Investments

The country's program and project implementation under BIMP-EAGA is anchored on its 5-year Implementation Blueprint (IB) – (2012-2016), a document containing a set of doable programs and projects across all sectors within the sub-region. As the IB is about to be completed in 2016, it becomes critical for BIMP-EAGA to plan-out activities and initiatives, as well as come-up with related-projects that will support the target completion of the IB priority projects.

As a venue for this undertaking, a BIMP-EAGA Strategic Planning Meeting (SPM) was conducted on 15-18 February 2015 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The output of the SPM is to be considered as this year's BIMP-EAGA program, which would guide focal agency officials and stakeholders in advancing various initiatives that will help realize the sub-region's key strategic pillars as indicated in the IB. MinDA provided necessary inputs to various recommendations carried-out by the Philippine-lead agency and private sector representatives in each of the sectoral grouping/break-out session. As a result, the Philippines was successful in pushing for the prioritization of country-initiated projects.

#### BIMP-EAGA Transport Linkages

Connectivity has been considered as an integral factor to move people, products, goods and services paving the way for increased tourism activities and coming in of business and investments. The realization of BIMP-EAGA development initiatives relies heavily on the accessibility in transportation both air and sea linkages.

**Air Linkages** For the air service sector, MinDA is regularly coordinating with relevant agencies such as DOTC, CAB and DOT, as well as airline operators for joint collaboration in the establishment and sustainable Philippine-EAGA air connections. For the 1st semester, MinDA initiated coordination with country officers of Qantas Air and Jetstar Airways for them to consider operating the Davao-Darwin (Australia) air route. Australia is a development partner in BIMP-EAGA. Similarly, coordination was undertaken with officials of Mid-Sea Express, a local airline company, interested in mounting the Davao-Manado air connection.

**Sea Linkages** For sea linkages, MinDA has continually coordinated with its Indonesian counterpart and its relevant agencies seeking intervention for the approval of the permit to travel of the Indonesian vessel that will service the Davao-General Santos-Bitung (DGB) sea route. This includes reduction of transport time, lower cost of shipping, provision of opportunity for local businessmen to engage in international trade and stimulate other areas of development such as tourism, establishment of air linkages and investment inflows. Relative to this also, MinDA has welcomed and is currently extending

its assistance to Platinum Shipping Corporation, a local shipping investor, who is interested in operating the DGB route. MinDA has also generated various information and data needed by local businessmen to firm up their interest to directly buy from or supply products and goods to North Sulawesi areas in Indonesia using this particular route.

It is noteworthy that the Brooke's Point (Palawan) – Kudat (Malaysia) shipping service was finally launched last 17 April 2015 via M/V Princess Beatriz. Three (3) voyages were conducted since then with one operation even extended up to Sandakan (Malaysia) from Brooke's Point. This initiative was made possible through the collaborative efforts done by MinDA, Local Government of Palawan and BIMP-EAGA Palawan Business Council.

**MoU on Non-Convention Sized Ships** Most of the shipping vessels plying within the sub-region are wooden-hulled, particularly those used in informal trading. In systemizing their operation, the member countries pursued the adoption of the MOU on Non-Convention Sized Ships (NCSS), which would allow or legalize the operation of these kinds of ships across the sub-region. This would formalize NCSS operation in BIMP-EAGA resulting in additional income to the government. In relation to this, MinDA has officially coordinated with EAGA counterparts to consider the signing of the said MoU a priority deliverable of BIMP-EAGA this year. As a result, constant monitoring among EAGA National Secretariats has been undertaken at the Cluster level to ensure that the MoU signing will take place at the sidelines of the BIMP-EAGA Transport Ministers Meeting slated sometime November 2015.

## Trade Facilitation

MinDA organized an Information Session on Customs Immigration and Quarantine (CIQ) Policies on 07 May 2015 in General Santos City. This is in response to the clamour of the private sector to be familiar and knowledgeable about CIQ requirements to prepare themselves in engaging trade activities with their BIMP-EAGA counterparts. Similar information sessions are also going to be undertaken in other key areas in the next couple of months.

## Policy Support Measures

Provision of incentives coming from the National Government in support to BIMP-EAGA is crucial in enticing private sector investments in the sub-region. Through the years, our National Government has been consistent in its support to the BIMP-EAGA initiative by modifying several national policies such as: the 50% reduction of port (airport and seaport) charges, travel tax exemption, and non-payment of overtime fees to CIQS agencies. Currently, MinDA has been pushing for other several policy initiatives in support of BIMP-EAGA.

**Roll-on Roll-off (RORO) Service** MinDA has continually pushed the amendment of Executive Order (EO) 170 to include Chassis RORO (Cha-RO) in its definition of terms. Emphasis on Cha-RO is given importance as this system of operation offers lower cost compared to the usual RORO type of operation. The system also addresses the right-hand, left-hand issue in the promotion of land transport connectivity within the sub-region.

The said resolution is currently being reviewed by the House Committee on Transportation for final recommendation to the Office of the president before it will be approved. MinDA was also able to obtain official endorsements from relevant agencies (i.e., MARINA, PPA, DTI, DOF, DOTC among others) in support of the Cha-RO initiative.

**Memorandum Circular for a Separate BIMP-EAGA Budget**  
Budget availability is important for Philippine-EAGA lead agencies to carry-out its various BIMP-EAGA programs and activities. However, the limited budget given by the Central Government has made it difficult for the said agencies to undertake such purpose.

In view of this, MinDA initiated the crafting of a draft Memorandum Circular (MC) by the Office of the President directing all Philippine-EAGA lead agencies to allocate or set aside a separate BIMP-EAGA budget from their annual agency budget to fund BIMP-EAGA programs and activities. It has already been endorsed to the House Special Committee on EAGA for their support and is currently being reviewed by the said Committee prior to its submission to the Office of the President.

## BIMP-EAGA as Food Basket for ASEAN

The food basket strategy is a major pillar in BIMP-EAGA under its Implementation Blueprint 2012-2016, which envisions the sub-region to be a food/commodity supplier for ASEAN and the rest of Asian countries, with the Department of Agriculture (DA) as Cluster head.

MinDA, in coordination with DA, has coordinated the technical support assistance from ADB for the investment profiling of the Food and Agribusiness Corridors in BIMP-EAGA.

MinDA has also been constantly monitoring the progress of its facilitated agri-related private sector investments such as the production expansion of the hybrid rice seeds and hybrid corn in Mindanao and Palawan, as well as in other BIMP-EAGA focus areas. The current production of hybrid rice in P-EAGA areas has significantly raised the volume of yield, which in turn translates to an increased income among the local farmers.

Moreover, MinDA has started to engage the academe relative to halal development initiatives for Mindanao. The conduct of a BIMP-EAGA

Halal International Forum slated sometime January 2016 is an initial project currently being organized by MinDA in close partnership with the University of Southern Mindanao and other government line-agencies. Several meetings have been conducted by MinDA with partner agencies this semester in preparation for this event.

This initiative is in recognition to the multi-billion dollar market of the international halal industry, where Mindanao has a better advantage considering that majority of the county's Muslim population is located in this island. Through BIMP-EAGA, Mindanao can strongly push our halal development initiatives noting that there is a strong affiliation from the halal international market for halal products processed and developed by Muslim associates.

## Community-based ecotourism

MinDA has been closely working with DOT in coming-up with tour packages for the identified priority Community Based Ecotourism (CBET) sites of Mindanao and Palawan under BIMP-EAGA and these include Lake Sebu (South Cotabato), Tibolo Cultural Village (Davao Del Sur), and Underground River (Palawan). Once finalized, these tour packages will be promoted to different countries across Asia and the Pacific. In relation, MinDA has continually coordinated with TIEZA for budget approval for the development of the CBET sites amounting to a total of Php 38 Million to date.

## BIMP-EAGA ecosystems and environment

The sustainable management of ecosystems and environment is also a strategic pillar of BIMP-EAGA in view of its critical importance given the widespread global concern on the detrimental effects of climate change. Relative to this, MinDA was instrumental for the adoption of a project entitled: "BIMP-EAGA Protocol – Building Local Community Resilience in BIMP-EAGA for Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation and Disaster Preparedness". Through the proposal, priority watersheds in the BIMP-EAGA will be subjected to watershed characterization and vulnerability assessment.

The objectives of the project include: aiding in building the resiliency of local communities in BIMP-EAGA; and ensuring the protection and sustainable use of the natural resources within BIMP-EAGA that will also redound to the benefit of the local populace. The program component will include information sharing, expertise sharing, joint assessments, watershed characterization, vulnerability studies, table-top exercises, and capability building. With MinDA's intervention, the said proposal was considered by ADB for funding and its implementation arrangement is currently being coordinated with ADB.

## Socio-Cultural and Education

Since its establishment in 1994, many of BIMP-EAGA's initiatives focused towards increasing trade, tourism and investments within the sub-region. The BIMP-EAGA Leaders have realized that, apart from economic development undertakings, the aspect of socio-cultural and human dimension should also be considered. This is in view that it contributes to building a strong foundation for greater understanding, good neighbourliness, and a shared sense of responsibility as well as establishing a sub-regional community that is people-centred and socially responsible. Hence, the Socio-Cultural and Education (SCE) pillar was adopted as an additional strategic pillar for BIMP-EAGA during the BIMP-EAGA 18th Ministerial Meeting in Brunei Darussalam.

Through MinDA's aggressive push, the SCE cluster was formally established during the BIMP-EAGA Strategic Planning Meeting held on 17-18 February 2015 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The SCE Cluster will serve as the mechanism to operationalize the program and project implementation of this sector.

Some of the activities that are going to be pushed under this cluster include student and faculty exchange programs, standardization of skills standards, joint research and development, conduct of BIMP-EAGA Friendship Games, EAGA Golf Tournament, BIMP-EAGA Boy Scouts Jamboree and several other education and socio-cultural related events.

## BIMP-EAGA Institutional Mechanisms and Processes

**BIMP-EAGA Leaders Summit** The BIMP-EAGA Leaders Summit is the sub-region's highest level of mechanism that puts forward milestone achievements of BIMP-EAGA before the Heads of States of the four-member countries. This is being done annually at the side line of the ASEAN Summit.

For this year's Summit, MinDA organized the participation of the Mindanao delegation to Langkawi, Malaysia on 28 April 2015. MinDA, likewise, prepared the technical documents needed for the Summit that include among others the President's talking points during the Summit discussion. MinDA has successfully managed to include all Mindanao's priority action agenda in the President's talking points during the Summit, which was considered by the Leaders. Among them include strengthening of transport connectivity, development of the economic corridors, strengthening private sector and local government participation in BIMP-EAGA and advancement of the

socio-cultural and education initiatives.

In addition, MinDA was also successful in coordinating the inclusion of Philippine-initiated projects in the 2014 BIMP-EAGA Milestone Report to the Leaders during the Summit. Some of these include the Hybrid Rice Production, the BEST Cable Project, Mindanao infrastructure projects supportive of BIMP-EAGA, BIMP-EAGA economic corridors initiative, the successful conduct of the 2nd BIMP-EAGA and IMT-GT Trade Fair and Business Leaders Conference, and the establishment of the Socio-Cultural and Education Pillar.

**Philippine-EAGA Heads of Delegation Meeting** The holding of the P-EAGA Heads of Delegation Meeting is important as a mechanism of updating and reporting the progress BIMP-EAGA priority programs and projects to ensure that its completion is on target and implementation bottlenecks are discussed and resolved immediately. For this Semester, two (2) P-EAGA Heads of Delegation Meetings were organized by MinDA in Manila.

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## B.4 Mindanao Power Development Program

### 2014 Mindanao Power Situation

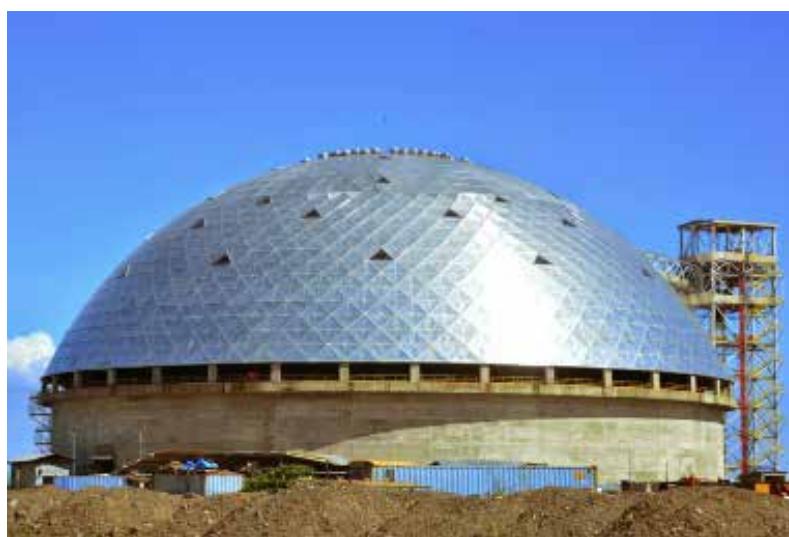
The 300MW Therma South Inc. coal-fired power plant began the commissioning of its first unit in July 2014. The second unit was supposed to start its commercial operations by June but was damaged following the Easter Sunday Mindanao-wide blackout in April this year. The second unit, which is still being repaired, is targeted to start operations by next year.

Unit 1 of the 200MW Southern Mindanao Coal-fired Power Plant of Alsons Power Corporation in Sarangani is expected to be operational by October 2015. Meanwhile, the 2.4 MW Hydro Power Plant of Euro Hydro Power Holdings (Asia) Inc. (EHPHI) had its groundbreaking ceremony last July 7, 2015.

However, despite the positive scenario, Mindanao still requires at least 500MW of new capacity by 2016, another 500MW by 2020, and 1,600MW by 2030 (based on a 4.7% annual growth, DOE Philippine Energy Plan).

Based on the monitoring of the MPMC, it has been noted that there will be an increase in the share of fossil fuels in the energy mix in the next five years. Despite the numerous natural resources, the renewable energy sources have yet to be fully tapped.

Distribution utilities, especially electric cooperatives, are expected to look closely at their current contracting of power supply to ensure that they will no longer experience power deficiency. Despite the better power situation in the coming years, some electric cooperatives are still expected to experience rotational brownouts for not being able to properly contract with the incoming power plants.



**MORE POWER** With MinDA's intervention, the entry of committed capacities in Mindanao is an indication of a growing and developing region that Mindanao is turning out to be. Photo by MinDA.

## One-Stop Processing and Facilitation Center for RE Applications

A total of 290 renewable energy projects in Mindanao are being facilitated by MPMC, with targeted completion of permits by year 2016. This batch of RE power project applications comprises 2998.09 MW of potential capacities with the following breakdown:

Hydro power = 242 projects (2147.71 MW)  
Solar Energy = 28 projects (427.25 MW)  
Geothermal = 8 projects (278.48 MW)  
Biomass = 12 projects (144.65 MW)

The One-Stop Facilitation and Monitoring Web Portal had its soft launch last October 2014. The six (6) government agencies (DOE, DA, DAR, DENR, NWRB, and NCIP) primarily involved in the permitting process together with MinDA already signed the Joint Memorandum Circular on the inter-agency implementation of the monitoring web portal.

The One Stop Facilitation and Monitoring Center was launched last May 18, 2015 and is already in full operation and is currently monitoring all pending RE power projects in Mindanao. DOE also launched the Energy Virtual One-Stop Shop (EVOSS) last June 3, 2015 which it will implement nationwide and is reportedly patterned from the OSFMC.

Discussions are ongoing with several companies expressing interest to invest in RE development in Mindanao e.g., proposal of Cotabato City to set up a bio-mass plant, installation of a solar power plant in Surallah, South Cotabato by two (2) private corporations, and setting up of a hydro-power dam in the Kabulnan area in Sultan Kudarat.

## Power Project Proponents Assisted by the OSFMC

### 68MW HEDCOR Manolo Fortich Hydro Project

- Facilitated with DENR to fast-track approval of Tree-cutting permit and NWRB Water Rights Permit
- Completed all major permitting requirements and is already in the construction phase and is projected to finish by 2018

### 3 x 10MW Biomass Power Project (FIBECO)

- Facilitated with DENR to fast-track approval of ECC for the three projects
- Accompanied proponent in their presentation of the project financial viability to Landbank (for financing)
- On-going monitoring and facilitation with the LGU of Bukidnon (both provincial and municipal) for endorsement of the project.

### Frabelle Foods Corporation

- Requested assistance from MinDA for entry into the generation sector with focus on hydro power plants. (utilized the list of potential RE sites in Mindanao)
- Acquired rights to develop the 150MW Bulanog Batang Hydro Power Project

### Kiblat-Malandag Royeca Mini Hydro Power Project

- Facilitated with DOE to fast-track processing of RE service contract/ operating contract application

### Euro Hydro Power (Asia) Holdings, Inc.

- Assisted the company in finding prospective equity investor
- Ground breaking ceremony of 2.4MW Hydro Power Plant in New Bataan Compostela Valley on July 2, 2015



RENEWING GREEN POWER Through the One-Stop Facilitation and Monitoring Center, energy applications for renewable energy projects are accelerated, allowing MinDA's proposed balanced energy mix for Mindanao. Photo by MinDA.

## Rehabilitation of Agus and Pulangi Hydro Power Complexes

Efforts were also made to ensure immediate rehabilitation and updating of Agus-Pulangi complex:

### Upgrading of Agus 6 HEP Unit Nos. 1 & 2

- Upgrading and major rehabilitation of two (2) 25-MW units
- Addition of 19 MW capacity to the main grid
- Scope of works and supply includes replacement of all turbine-generators parts and existing civil structure shall be maintained.
- Contractor: Guangxi Hydro Electric Construction Bureau GHCB, from China
- Cost of project: Php 1.596 Billion
- Start of contract is December 19, 2013
- Target completion: for Unit No.2 is February 13, 2016 and for Unit No.1 is June 2, 2016

### Major Rehabilitation of Agus 6 HEP Unit No. 4

- Restoration from a derated capacity of 35 MW to its original/rated capacity of 50MW
- Scope of works include replacement of major parts: stator and rotor, excitation and governor systems, generator air coolers, thrust guide bearings, generator breakers
- ABC: Php 440.6 Million, Guangxi Hydro (negotiated procurement)

### Pulangui Dredging Project

- Phase I (Dredging/Desilting at Headworks) Project cost: Php 209.88 Million
  - Dredging/desilting works at the vicinity of the bottom of the sluice gates
  - Development of silt disposal site at the left bank downstream of the dam
  - Rehabilitation and re-activation of the bottom sluice gates.
  - Project was completed on September 2007
  - Bathymetric survey of Pulangui 4 reservoir is completed.
  - This pre-construction work/activity is required for the proposed Phase II Dredging Project
- Phase II (Selective Mechanical Dredging of the Reservoir) Project cost: Php 270 Million
  - Selective mechanical dredging of the reservoir
  - Eliminate isolated/pocket pondages to restore the main stream
  - This will significantly increase the storage capacity of the reservoir

Note: The Balo-I flood control was already turned over to DPWH.

## Mindanao Power Corporation (MinPoCor)

The Agus-Pulangi Hydro Complexes (APHC) are set to be privatized by 2017 but the power stakeholders are clamoring for the continued state ownership of the hydropower complexes.

MinDA is pushing for the establishment of a Mindanao-based government owned and controlled corporation (GOCC) that will operate the hydropower complexes, the MinPoCor. If established, the MinPoCor can decide whether to operate or manage Agus-Pulangi; undertake Public-Private Partnership (PPP) to operate and manage the complexes; and undertake modified PPP where the GOCC owns the assets while the private sector operates and maintains but sales of energy are bid out in blocks. The creation of MinPoCor will allow Mindanao to continue to experience and enjoy low electricity rates. The earnings of the GOCC will be ploughed back to Mindanao because MinPoCor will be obliged to remit its earnings back to Mindanao.

Last May 19, joint Committees on Government Enterprise and Privatization, Energy and Mindanao formally approved the consolidated bill of MinPoCor. The consolidated bill was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Committee on Ways and Means.

At present MinDA is still awaiting the approval of the Committee Report and schedule of the Second Reading (Plenary Session). Various follow-up meetings were conducted by the MinDA in June 2 with the Committee on Appropriations, Committee on Ways and Means, and with Senators Bongbong Marcos and Koko Pimentel.

Meanwhile, the RDC XII unanimously approved a resolution last June 25 to support the passage of the MinPoCor Bill. MinDA has also requested Malacañang to declare this a priority bill in order to expedite its passage and create an atmosphere of urgency in securing its passage into law.

Moreover, MinDA was able to secure the support of the Provincial Governments of Misamis Oriental and Lanao del Norte including the key Chambers of Commerce in Northern Mindanao— Iligan Chamber and the Cagayan de Oro Chamber of Commerce and Industry Foundation, Inc. (OroChamber) through a Resolution, respectively, for the establishment of the Mindanao Power Corporation or MinPoCor to own and operate existing and operating Agus-Pulangi Hydro-power plants to ensure the stable supply of the much needed energy resources for the island region. The Regional Development Council in Region 10 also came up with a similar Resolution favoring the creation of MinPoCor.

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## MINDANAO-WIDE AND INTERREGIONAL PROGRAM/PROJECT MANAGEMENT, FACILITATION AND COORDINATION

As MinDA's facility for monitoring and timely feedback and response mechanism on issues and concerns on the ground, the Authority's Area Management Offices continued to undertake efforts of bridging strategic local issues and concerns in the overall programs and projects of the Authority.



REACHING OUT Secretary Antonino (above) is greeted with a warm welcome by the military force during her LGU consultations around Mindanao. Photo by MinDA.

### C.1 Continuing Constituency and Alliance Building

The first semester of the year 2015 marked the year with the massive engagement of the Area Management Offices through the extensive consultations made by the MinDA Secretary, Luwalhati R. Antonino with the local chief executives in Mindanao.

Northern Mindanao Secretary Antonino started her working-visit rounds to Northern Mindanao Region early March. She was able to talk and consult with Governors Herminia Ramiro of Misamis Occidental, Gov. Khalid Dimaporo of Lanao del Norte, Gov. Mamintal Adiong of Lanao del Sur, and Gov. JJ Romualdo of Camiguin along with their respective Municipal Mayors. The Secretary committed her support to qualified tourism and infrastructure Projects to be funded by TIEZA and encouraged the Local Government Executives present to prepare their Tourism Master Plans and invest in the hiring of an expert architect to come up with an integrated and architecturally-sound "eco-tourism loop", respectively.

On infrastructure and energy projects, focus was given to the timely construction of the Panguil Bay Bridge which will connect Tubod of Lanao del Norte to Tangub in Misamis Occidental and the preparation and submission of 10MW and below power project proposals.

Secretary Antonino will also push for the promotion and funding of Tangub's City Boulevard, Esplanade, Hoyohoy View Deck, Jimenez Heritage Town, Mt. Malindang Heritage Site, Misamis Occidental Aquamarine Park (MOAP), Ardent Hot Spring Resort Rehabilitation and the PHIVIDEC-Alae Road construction to cite a few.

During her visit to Region X, the Secretary was able to touch base with the Officers of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Northern Mindanao (PCCI-NM) and some local Chambers e.g. Oro Chamber and the Misamis Oriental Filipino Chinese Chamber of Commerce and discussed policy concerns and recommendations. The local chamber Executives committed to support the establishment of the Mindanao Power Corp., support to Cabotage and Competition Bill, and TreeVolution among others.

Another event highlight of the Secretary's visit to Northern Mindanao Region was the signing of the Memorandum of Cooperation between MinDA and a Korean University—the Seoul National University of Science and Technology for the effective implementation of a KOICA-funded Project on "Minimizing Natural Disaster Method to Climate Change: Search for Sustainable Development" that is aimed to help target cities in Northern Mindanao to come up with an Urban Plan encompassing disaster-resiliency.

Northeastern Mindanao Secretary Antonino was able to visit and consult with six (6) out of the eight (8) provinces on the Caraga and Davao regions included in the area of operations of the AMO-Northeastern Mindanao. The productive consultations of Secretary Antonino with various LCEs in their respective provinces enabled the Secretary to get firsthand information and address issues and concerns ranging from infrastructure and project development, investment facilitation, security matters, funding endorsements, and many other related concerns.

The said area consultations were able also to promote MinDA, its mandate and banner programs to the various local government units, civil society organizations, and local non-government organizations. Also, the said area round of the MinDA Secretary marked the long awaited organization of the Agusan River Basin Governing Board (ARBGB). The ARBGB will have a strategic role in managing the implementation of programs and projects under the Agusan River Basin Master Plan.

**South Central Mindanao** In connection with MinDA's efforts to stabilize the power situation in this part of Mindanao, Secretary Antonino visited Therma South, Inc. in Toril, Davao City, to get acquainted with its operations. Originally planned to start operations in March, the operation was delayed and put off till the later part of this year when it was affected by the Mindanao-wide brownout in March 2015.

The Secretary likewise visited Gov. Claude Bautista of Davao del Sur, Gov. Steve Solon of Saranggani, and Gov. Emilou "Lala" Montelibano of North Cotabato and briefed them on the various initiatives of MinDA. She also encouraged them to come up with more TIEZA projects, to refine the infrastructure vision of their provinces and introduced them to the "Cacao Double-Up Intercropping" concept which MinDA was pioneering with the Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA).

**Western Mindanao** The highlights of the visit include the following:

- Wreath-laying ceremony at "Punto de Desembarco" in Dapitan City as a homage to Dr. Jose Rizal;
- Presentations and discussions on the Installation of Aliquay Artificial Harbor and Redevelopment of Puluan Port, two TIEZA-proposed projects in Dapitan City which are slated for board deliberation
- Renewed interest of Zamboanga del Norte's LCEs on MinDA's integrated set of development interventions for MindaNOW, MPMC, Mindanao Development Corridors, TIEZA, MinDA-Inclusive Growth and Peace & Development Security programs
- Visits at the following:
  - Corazon C. Aquino Hospital, a substantially completed 100-bed capacity, progressive type, 3-storey, secondary hospital in Dipolog City funded from PDA Fund Continuing Appropriation and DOH thru the Health Facilities Enhancement Program (HFEP)
  - Seachamp Corp. and Permex Canning Plant in Talisayan, where frozen marine products (octopus) are being processed to be exported in a global scale
  - Regional Government Center in Brgy. Dao
- Presentation by LCEs of Zamboanga del Sur of their respective projects;
- Consultation meetings with the Zamboanga Eco-Zone and Zamboanga Filipino-Chinese Chamber of Commerce; and
- Mindanao Development Corridors Planning Workshop on the Prioritization of Infra Projects for Zamboanga and BaSulta area



VALUE FOR HARD WORK Secretary Antonino (above) thoroughly observes workers in a wig factory in Mindanao as a part of her tour in discovering developing industries around the islamnd-region. Photo by MinDA.

## C.2 Support to Development Security

AMO-NEM Initiated the meeting with the 29th IB Army to facilitate the process of providing sustainable livelihood to the IP groups in the province of Agusan del Norte. These IP groups were already organized as cooperative by the Army and the continued assistance to the group would likewise bring back their trust and confidence on the government's sincerity to provide services and assistance to the neglected IP communities in the region.

As a member of the Post-Conflict Needs Assessment (PCNA)- Zamboanga Team, AMO-WM worked together with OCD-IX as a mediator for the release of the Investment Trade Service (ITS) fund amounting to Php 51 million. The DTI-ZCO and Zamboanga City LGU have started to come up with strategies in utilizing the funds for IDPs affected by the 2013 siege. AMO-WM is also closely monitoring the developments in the Z3R projects as an observer in the past CCCM meetings and now in the LIAC meetings.

**Support to Business Intelligence and Investment Knowledgebase Build-Up Activities** The AMOs' role in the unclogging of bottlenecks that may hamper the ease of doing business has provided an environment of security and safety amongst investors and would-be investors. Last May, AMO-Northern Mindanao facilitated the signing of a Memorandum of Cooperation between a Malaysian investor— FELDA Malaysia AgriBusiness Department, and a local company based in Balingasag, Misamis Oriental— Bali Oil Palm Produce for the development of oil palm plantations in the Provinces of Misamis Oriental and Bukidnon starting with 3,000 hectares in Kalilangan, Bukidnon to as much as 10,000 hectares valuing to more than a billion of investment.

AMO-NM also provided relevant business information to partner Chambers of Commerce in Region X to encourage their respective member-companies to grow and diversify the business to generate the needed income and jobs for those in need. For the province of Camiguin and Misamis Oriental, AMO-NM assisted in the preparation of its project proposals for TIEZA-funding

The AMO-Northeastern Mindanao helped in linking the new Oil Palm investor, New Britain Palm Oil (NBPOL), with the management of PICOP plant site for the possible partnership of developing the PICOP port into a commercial port. NBPOL eyed the PICOP port as the best port location in Surigao del Sur closer to their production area for the shipment of their produce. NBPOL proposed to construct a warehouse, state of the art berthing, and an additional space for the would-be users of the port.

**LGU / Public Assistance facilitation** The AMOs are on the foreground in ensuring the establishment of a mechanism of coordination and convergence of efforts for a quick response activities and initiatives with respective national and regional agencies and bodies as well as local government units.

AMO-NEM was instrumental in the funding of the Mandulog River Basin Masterplan development by the City Government of Iligan with a Php 3 million budget allocation which is ready for release. AMO-NM also helped the DA in improving the Php 30M project proposal of MCOCO Cooperative based in Tubod, Lanao del Norte for the establishment of a baled coco-fiber facility in the area including problems in securing the latter's non-coverage Certification from NCIP. With its active partnership with NCIP Region X Office, AMO-NM was able to fast-track the release of about 20 Certifications from NCIP for various projects, mostly infrastructure-related, to be funded under the Philippine Rural Development Program (PRDP) Fund.

AMO-NEM conducted ocular inspections of ongoing TIEZA projects and facilitated the updating of findings to the TIEZA Board, specifically the unfinished project in Tinuy-an Falls in Bislig, the LGUs' request to

look for a local contractor after a failed bidding of three contractors from Manila, and the facilitation of project requirements which hampered the go-signal of the implementation of approved projects in Enchanted River in Hinatuan, Aliwagwag Falls and Mt. Hamiguitan Wildlife Range Sanctuary in Davao Oriental, Loreto in Agusan del Sur, and Nasipit in Butuan City. The AMO also requested the President of the Traveller's Association in Davao to provide technical assistance to MLGU Loreto to develop its proposal on the Bird Watching Platform in Agusan Marsh.

AMO-NEM also facilitated the signing of the MOA between MinDA and three (3) LGUs (Agusan del Norte, Agusan del Sur, and Butuan City) and one (1) LGU Alliance (MaCaSALTaBayami) for a continuing program on integrated tree growing and income generating program through the development of a sustainable model farm. The partner LGUs and Alliance will be provided by MinDA with seed fund to help develop the model farm as well as linking them with possible partners and investors for the livelihood project generated from the model farm. Various consultations were done up to the Municipal level as a built-in engagement with the different stakeholders of AMO-NEM to update profile and ensure on-time and appropriate response to issues encountered.

Technical assistance was also facilitated to Municipalities like Loreto, Bunawan, Cortes, Lanuza, Kitcharao and the Brgy. Pagatpatan in the preparations of their tourism proposals for funding with TIEZA.

AMO-WM started to link with various LGUs in Western Mindanao to facilitate project proposals for TIEZA where ocular inspections were conducted for the following proposed projects for funding; Rehabilitation of Road Section (Rotunda) in Ipil, Zamboanga Sibugay; Construction of Artificial Harbor in Aliguay Island, Dapitan City; and Cogon Ecotourism Park in Dipolog City; Snake Sanctuary in Talusan, Zamboanga Sibugay; Labason Boulevard in Labason and Cogon Eco Park Road Network in Dipolog City both in the province of Zamboanga del Norte; Pagadian City Boulevard Complex and Megayon Park & Lagoon both in Pagadian City, Zamboanga del Sur.

AMO-WM likewise facilitated the conduct of the Mango Export Forum in coordination with DA IX. The forum identified the issues and concerns arising from the impending suspension of mango exportation to Sabah. Moreover, the same AMO was selected as a member of the Ad Hoc Committee as well as the sub-committees for Selection and Publicity and Promotion for Zamboanga City's participation to the China-ASEAN Expo on September 18-21, 2015 in Guangxi, China. Zamboanga City was chosen as the "City of Charm" for this year and will represent the Philippines in the event.

**Technical Assistance for the Basilan PLGU** AMO-WM introduced the programs and thrusts of MinDA like TIEZA, renewable energy, Mindanao Development Corridors Program, MindaNOW!, BIMP-EAGA, security and its accessibility. The Basilan PLGU divulged that they have current programs in the province which are in line with the aforementioned thrusts, and also shared the decreasing coconut production due to "cocolisap" and the dwindling cacao industry due to lack of industry and market support in the province. The province assured that they will work with MinDA to help revive the coconut and cacao industry in the province. To access TIEZA funding, the PLGU cited Bulingan Falls in Lamitan City, a white beach in Malamawi Island, Isabela City and the development of Tairan Peace Village in Lantawan as possible projects for funding assistance, as the PLGU has been making inroad developments towards these sites as a tool to counter insurgency which has always been deterrent to the improvement of tourism in the province.

AMO-WM also spearheaded the Planning Workshop on Infra Projects Prioritization for Basilan Area which is an off-shoot to the Mindanao Development Corridors Planning Workshop on the Prioritization of Infra Projects for Zamboanga and BaSulTa Areas.

### C.3 Programs Projects Implementation Management

The AMOs represented MinDA to the Regional Project Advisory Board (RPAB) Meeting of DA-PRDP for the approval of projects in the various areas in Mindanao. For Western Mindanao, the Gatas-Batayan-Poblacion-Daniel Maing (Kalawit Municipality)-Gabu-Lawigan-Osukan (Labason Municipality) Farm-to-Market Road (a 32-kilometer road network with an estimated project cost of Php 510,848,807.50 proposed by the PLGU of Zamboanga del Norte) was endorsed. The board also approved the variation orders for the 3.64-kilometer Rehabilitation of Casaco-Tilasan FMR and the Rehabilitation of Santo Niño-Sitio Lugame FMR. Each of the projects costs Php 38 million and both are in RT Lim, Zamboanga Sibugay.

In Caraga, technical recommendations were submitted on a total of 5 project proposals under the PRDP Program.

Other projects that were facilitated include:

**Timako Port** The AMO-SCM facilitated the review of project documents in relation to the proposed Php 957.93 million Timako Port in collaboration with the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA), Congresswoman Bai Sandra Sema and NEDA-XII, which resulted in the construction of the access road leading to the site of the proposed port. This project is included in the Mindanao Development Corridors.

A feasibility study (FS) was prepared by the PPA, with the finding that the project, estimated to cost Php 957.93 million is technically,

economically and financially viable. Furthermore, the proposed port would meet the increasing sea transport demand from Central Mindanao and parts of the ARMM as the city would expand as a center of trade and commerce. The final budget is now being discussed with DOTC.

**Malitubog-Maridagao Irrigation Project (MMIP) Phase-II** The AMO-SCM facilitated the "Stakeholders Consultation/Workshop for the Socio-Economic and Agricultural Components" of MMIP Phase-II as a response to RDC-XII's Resolution No 15 series of 2015 to conduct a consultation meeting in relation to the implementation of the Social Component of MMIP-II and review the proposed inclusion of the Social and Agricultural Components in the project. The final project cost is Php 4.6 billion covering 56 barangays covering the provinces of Cotabato Province (Carmen and Pikit) and Maguindanao provinces (Pagalungan & Datu Muntawal).

**Kabulnan-2 Multi-Purpose Irrigation and Power Project** The AMO-SCM extended support to the Kabulnan Watershed Multi-Sectoral Management Council (KWMMC) to shed light on issues through the MPMC.

The project has two components namely: Hydro-power which has a power output 110 megawatts and irrigation that would serve 19,000 has for rice and other valuable crops. The project covers the provinces of Sultan Kudarat and Maguindanao which are parts of Regions-XII and ARMM, respectively. The DOE has already awarded the Service Contract to Sta. Clara Corporation and Philnew River Corporation for the development study and present the results to the province on the findings of study.



ATTRACTING DEVELOPMENT MinDA, through its Area Management Offices, coordinates with partners from key government agencies in developing eco-tourism (above) sites that will push for improved living conditions in Mindanao. Photo by MinDA.

## APPENDICES

### **A. Events provided with communication support and full photo coverage**

- Mindanao learning visit for the graduate students of the Center for Conflict Studies of the Monterey Institute for International Studies,
- 11th Mindanao International Studies Society Convention
- Consultation Meeting on the Market Development of Davao-Manado Air Linkages
- Meeting with the Academe Technical Working Group for the Agus-Pulangi Hydropower Complex Study
- USAID's COMPETE visit to MinDA, HIPS and DICT
- Consultation Meeting with BOC for Davao-General Santos-Bitung RORO Operation
- Asian Development Bank's Country Program Mission in Mindanao
- Launching of the One Stop Facilitation and Monitoring (OSFM) Operations Center
- Celebrating Partnerships for a Greener Mindanao
- Soft launch of the Mindanao Young TreeVolutionist Movement
- Infrastructure Development Technical Working Group Meeting of the South-Central Mindanao Development Corridor
- Cacao Industry Familiarization Tour
- Consultation Meeting on BIMP-EAGA's Socio-cultural and Education Pillar
- MinDA briefing for ADB Board of Directors
- MinDA visit to Therma South Inc. (TSI)
- 5th Mindanao Power Monitoring Committee (MPMC) Principals' Meeting
- Kapihan sa Kapitolyo in Tagum
- 50th Search for Most Outstanding High School Graduate (MOHSG)
- NYC Regional Youth Advisory Council Convention
- Association of Mindanao Electric Cooperatives, Inc (AMRECO) Press Conference
- Mindanao Industries Value Chain Analysis Convergence Workshop
- Mindanao Area visits of Sec. Luwalhati Antonino
- Presentation of the Critical River Rapid Assessment Batch 2 and workshop on Prioritizing Environmental Investment Plans
- MRBMC Organizational Meeting
- Exhibit and Forum on World Press Freedom Day
- 8th MinDA Board of Directors Meeting
- Soft launching of the Mindanao Young TreeVolutionist Movement
- BIMP-EAGA Senior Officials and Cluster Heads Meeting in Puerto Princesa, Palawan
- Mindanao Industries Convergence and Target-Setting Workshop
- MinBizCon Roadshows
- Meeting with ASEI Inc. and key government agencies and the Asian Social Enterprise Incubator (ASEI)
- Energy Investment Briefing
- Convergence Meeting of Environment Development Partners

### **B. Hybrid Rice Production in the P-EAGA Regions, CY 2014**

Area	Area Harvested (ha.)	Production (mt)	Average Yield (mt/ha.)	
			Hybrid	Inbred
Philippines	235,677	1,360,769	5.8	4.5
MIMAROPA (Palawan)	212	914	4.3	
Zamboanga Peninsula	5,231	28,368	5.4	
Northern Mindanao	13,684	84,085	6.1	
Davao Region	9,745	53,829	5.5	
SOCSKSARGEN	2,889	18,299	6.3	
Caraga	4,702	23,046	4.9	
ARMM	282	1,262	4.5	
<b>Total P-EAGA</b>	<b>36,745 (15%)</b>	<b>209,803 (15%)</b>		

**C. Average Yield of SLAC Hybrid Rice Variety vs. Inbred in P-EAGA regions, CY 2014**

P-EAGA Region	Average Yield (mt/ha.)		Yield Advantage (%)
	Hybrid	Inbred	
IV-B Palawan	7.0	3.8	84.2
Region IX	7.1	4.5	57.7
Region X	8.6	4.7	82.9
Region XI	6.9	4.5	53.3
Region XII	6.6	4.6	43.4
Caraga	8.4	3.7	127.0
ARMM	8.0	3.6	122.2
Average	<b>7.5</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>78.5</b>

**D. Endorsed Projects during the RPAB Meeting of DA-PRDP**

Project Title	Cost (in million)
Rehabilitation and Concreting of Aurora Farm to Market Road in Manolo Fortich, Bukidnon	31
Rehabilitation and Concreting of Junction Tomigbong-Larapan FMR Phase 2 (Malitbog, Bukidnon)	28
Rehabilitation and Concreting of Maikay-Cahayag-Buenavista FMR in Tudela, MisOcc	128
Rehabilitation and Concreting of Unidos-Mangidkid-Balanlinao FMR in Plaridel, MisOcc	26
Rehabilitation and Concreting of a 2.595km Dampalan-Luzaran FMR in Lopez Jaena, MisOcc	25
Rehabilitation and Concreting of Canibungan Daku-Canibungan Putol FMR in Clarin, MisOcc	27.7
Rehabilitation and Concreting of Guba-Bernad/Guba-Bitoon FMR in Clarin, MisOcc	62.5
Rehabilitation and Concreting of Taguranao-Palao-Dalama FMR in Tubod, LDN	65
Rehabilitation and Concreting of Mapurog-Migsale FMR in Bonifacio, MisOcc	68.5
Concreting of Malibud-Dinawihan FMR in Gingoog City, MisOr	120.954
Concreting of San Miguel-Kalagunoy FMR in Gingoog City, MisOr	69.4
Rehabilitation and Concreting of San Luis/Siloo-Mabuhay-Bagyangon FMR in Malitbog, Bukidnon	56.943
Concreting of Bulacao-Concepcion Proper-Jct Laligan FMR in Valencia City, Bukidnon	82.967
Rehabilitation and Concreting of Sitio Sinayaran-Pocopoco to Tangkulan FMR in Damulog, Bukidnon	156.247
Rehabilitation and Concreting of Mahayahay-Buenavista-Tiacongan-Bagong Silang FMR in Kapatagan, LDN	142
Rehabilitation and Concreting of Mambatangan FMR in Manolo Fortich, Bukidnon	
Nunungan Coconut-Cacao Production and Marketing	
Pantao Ragat Corn with Rotation to Peanut, Mongo and White Beans Production and Marketing	
Tangkal Rubber Production and Marketing	
Tubod Rubber Production and Marketing	
Kolambungan Rubber Production and Marketing	
Munai Coconut-Cacao Production and Marketing	
Munai Coconut-Cacao Production and Marketing	
Maigo Coconut-Cacao Production and Marketing	
Kolambungan Coco-coir Processing & Geo-net Production & Marketing	
Munai Coffee Production, Processing and Marketing	
Pantao Ragat Coffee Production, Processing and Marketing	
Sapad Enhancement of Coconut productivity and coco-based Coffee production and marketing	
Tangkal Coffee Production, Processing and Marketing	
Tubod Coffee Production, and Marketing	
Nunungan Coconut-Oil palm Production and Marketing	
Magsaysay Rubber Production, Processing and Marketing	
Sapad Natural Rubber Production, Processing and Marketing	
SND Natural Rubber Production, Processing and Marketing	
SND Rice Production, Processing and Marketing	

## E. MindaNOW! Program Strengthened and Expanded Partnerships

Agency	Joint Initiatives
<b>DENR</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Barangay StraTREEgic Forest Program</li> <li>• TreeVolution: Greening MindaNOW!</li> <li>• Organizing and Strengthening River Basin Organizations</li> <li>• Formulation and completion of Master Plans for the 8 river basins</li> </ul>
<b>DILG</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Barangay StraTREEgic Forest Program</li> </ul>
<b>DPWH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flood Control projects for the Mindanao River Basin</li> <li>• Flood Control projects for areas affected by Typhoon Agaton</li> </ul>
<b>NEDA Regional Offices</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completion and RDC support of river basin master plans</li> <li>• Establishment of river basin organizations</li> </ul>
<b>DepEd</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TreeVolution of the Young</li> </ul>
<b>National Youth Commission</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mindanao Young TreeVolutionist Movement</li> </ul>
<b>ARMM Government</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completion of the Mindanao River Basin Master Plan</li> <li>• Establishment of MRB Management Council</li> <li>• Facilitating implementation of flood control projects in the MRB</li> </ul>
<b>USAID</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baseline study for greenhouse gases and carbon sequestration for Davao City and Zamboanga City</li> <li>• Capacity building on Low Emission Development Strategy for Mindanao (LEDS-Mindanao)</li> <li>• Celebrating Partnerships for Greener Mindanao</li> </ul>
<b>Naawan LGU</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Naawan Green Governance Program</li> </ul>
<b>Butuan City LGU</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrated Tree-Growing and Income Generating Program</li> </ul>
<b>Agusan del Sur PLGU</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrated Tree-Growing and Income Generating Program</li> </ul>
<b>Cagayan de Oro River Basin Management Council (CDORBMC)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mt. Kalatungan Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) Project</li> </ul>
<b>Allah Valley Landscape Development Alliance (AVLDA)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthening Upstream Rehabilitation Measures</li> <li>• PES Model Study Development for Mindanao River Basin</li> </ul>
<b>PALMA+PB Alliance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrated Watershed Pilot Project and Disaster Risk Reduction and Mitigation Program : Strengthening Upstream Rehabilitation Measures</li> <li>• PES Model Study Development for Mindanao River Basin</li> </ul>
<b>Arakan Valley Development Alliance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrated Watershed Rehabilitation and Management in Lanao Kuran, Arakan</li> </ul>
<b>MACASALTABAYAMI</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrated Tree-Growing and Income Generating Program</li> </ul>
<b>Mindanao Knowledge Network</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Critical rivers rapid assessment (thru Central Mindanao University)</li> <li>• Ridge-to-Reef Capacities Baseline Study (thru University of the Philippines-Mindanao)</li> <li>• PES Model Study for AVLDA and PALMA+PB</li> </ul>
<b>HELP-Davao</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrated Water Resource Management</li> </ul>
<b>JCI -Davao</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fun Run (proceeds went to water system project in Brgy Baculin in Baganga, Davao Oriental)</li> </ul>